IRA alert before No 10 summit

Ulster leaders shrug off bomb and start talks

BY SHEILA GUNN AND STEWART TENDLER

JOHN Major yesterday persuaded the leaders of Northern Ireland's four constitutional parties to search again for common ground so that discussions on the future of the province could resume.

As an IRA bomb alert brought Whitehall to a standstill for the third time in a year, the prime minister held the first talks in Downing Street with Ulster leaders for lo years. He said that a "significant but modest breakthrough" had been made at the meeting.

Only hours before the Ulster talks were due to begin, a time bomb loaded with Semtex was discovered by police in a telephone box near the entrance to Downing Street. The device was found at the height of the morning rush hour outside the Foreign Office, only seven minutes before Thames TV had been

Heads seek exam switch

State and independent school heads have united with universities to press for a more flexible curriculum for pupils over 16.

They are concerned about the high failure rate for A levels and say pupils should be able to build up qualifications gradually, using vocational courses as credit towards various qualifications....... Page 2

All change

Eight Irish cabinet ministers have been sacked by the new prime minister. Albert Reynolds, in a nuthless reshuffle that draws a line under the Haughey era. Gerard Collins is replaced as foreign minister by the barrister David Andrews. Mary O'Rourke, who stood against Mr Reynolds for the leadership, also goes Page 2

Tobacco yote

European MPs have voted to ban all tobacco advertising from the end of the year. The draft directive would become law if anproved by health ministers in May, but Britain, Germany and The Netherlands are still fighting the

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Bush declares

George Bush will today formally announce that he is seeking a second term as States. But his popularity has slumped since the heady days after the Gulf ... Page 10

BA soars

British Airways surprised the City with pre-tax profits in the three months to the end of December, up fivefold to £100 million. The Gulf war had affected results this time last year, but analysts were still expecting profits of only £35

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warned that it was due to explode. A caller who spoke with an Irish accent and used Molyneaux said that he rea recognised code word tele-phoned the television station garded the meeting as a "tremendous help" which would boost the confidence of the at 8.47am and said a homb had been been left in the people of Northern Ireland. Whitehall area and it would Dr Paisley said it was a explode in 30 minutes. forthright and honest meet-Police sealed off the area while a thorough search was

shutters were drawn at the Ministry of Defence. Police found the device at 9 10am hidden inside a black wooden box and left in a telephone kiosk. They believe it could have been left by the bomber as he made his warning call. Two other suspect packages found in the area later turned out to be

conducted. Cars and buses

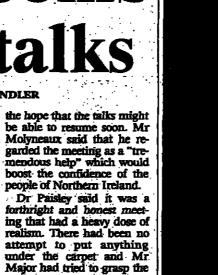
were abandoned and bomb

Although Mr Major's meeting did not set an agen-da for further talks, the Ulster leaders expressed cautious hope about his willingness to hold further talks. The prime minister's personal intervention appeared to galvanise the four men into agreeing to meet next week.

The IRA bomb scare acted as an extra spur to make sure that the leaders - James Molyneaux of the Ulster Unionist party, Dr Ian Paisley of the Democratic Unionist party. John Hume of the nationalist Social Democratic and Labour party, and Dr John Alderdice of the Alliance party - attended the Downing Street talks. After the 90minute meeting to revive the stalled Brooke initiative on devolution, Mr Major said: Terrorists who claim to be acting on behalf of one com-munity or other are in fact acting against the interest of all the people in Northern

mous view of everyone. "Everyone at the meeting gave their support to the security forces in bringing those responsible for terrorist atroc-

Mr Major said that the four leaders had agreed to discuss obstacles blocking further political dialogue in



Women

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Tyson's

downfall

From Charles Bremner

IN INDIANAPOLIS

MIKE Tyson, newly convict-

ed felon, reported to the court

for a pre-sentence hearing in

Indianapolis vesterdav as

women's groups across America proclamed his downfall

Silent and grim, he strode

into court to the cheers of

supporters urging him to "hang in there Mike". After waiting with other convicts.

he was interviewed as a pre-

liminary to his sentencing by

Judge Patricia Gifford on

March 6. He is expected to

receive between six and 10

years in prison for his three

convictions of rape and devi-

ant conduct against Desiree

Washington, the teenage

beauty queen, who accepted

an invitation to his hotel room last July. If all appeals

fail, he will probably start his

Campaigners for womens

rights let out a cheer for the

first high-publicity victory in

their struggle to have "date rapists" brought to book. The

conviction contrasted with

the acquittal of William Ken-

nedy Smith on rape charges

last December and with the humiliation of Anita Hill,

who was widely disbelieved

when she accused Judge Clar-

ence Thomas of harassing

The verdict ended plans for

the biggest sporting pay-day in history, a \$100 million (£55 million) bout between

Tyson and Evander Holy-

field, the current world heavy-

weight champion. Tyson could have fought at any time

until the result of his appeals are known, but Holyfield said

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her with lewd talk.

he would refuse.

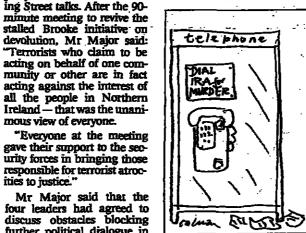
sentence in about a year.

a triumph for rape victims.

Dr Alderdice said: "I think it is tremendously important that the prime minister is bringing the whole weight of the government behind moving forward in Northern Ireland - that is a very welcome development." Neither he nor Mr Hume would be drawn on whether a new round of talks would be held before the general election.

Earlier Commander George Churchill-Coleman. head of Scotland Yard's antiterrorist branch, condemned the IRA attack: "The warning given this morning was delib-erately vague and lacking in detail so as to make the job of finding the device extremely difficult in the time allowed. The likelihood of causing death or injury to the public

was high and to give so little warning was utterly cynical." Cahinet shake-out, page 2 Internment roads, page 12 Letters, page 13



Recession longest since war, says Bank

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

THE Bank of England says that economic recovery is proving clusive and that the recession has become the longest since the war. The Bank's latest quarterly assessment of the economy marks a retreat from the optimistic reading of the economy given

in its Quarterly Bulletin pub-

lished in November.

Bank economists say they can see no sign of a double dip recession but add that the modest recovery they had predicted for the second half of 1991 did not occur. The assessment confirms the view given by Treasury officials last week. The Bank is concerned by the lack of consumer confidence at home and the worsening international environment. Until the new year both Norman Lamont. the Chancellor, and Robin

Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, were still talking of recovery being under way.

Economic data has now

convinced the government that recovery will be weaker and slower to arrive than Mr Lamont forecast in his autumn statement in November. The economy is expected to grow by 1 per cent this year, less than half that forecast in the statement. It follows a decline of 2.5 per cent in 1991, the steepest calendar year drop since the great de-pression. The Bank said the recession was "bumping along the bottom" and was reluctant to predict precisely when it would end, though it is assuming "modest, slow" recovery will come this year.

Bank gloom, page 17

Mike Tyson, looking stunned by the jury's guilty verdict, leaving the Marion County court on bail Judge asks for reform as Guinness trial is halted

A SENIOR judge yesterday called for an overhaul of the system dealing with long criminal trials after halting the four-month-old Guinness

II hearing because a defen-

dant was too ill to continue. Discharging the jury at Southwark crown court, Mr Justice Henry said that medical evidence showed that Roger Seelig, aged 46, a former merchant banker, was mentally ill from the stress of conducting his own defence and might do "something ir-revocable" if he carried on.

"This case highlights the problems of long criminal trials and the appropriateness of our criminal justice system and its rules, which were originally drawn up to deal with short trials and simple facts."

the judge said. We must find a cheaper and quicker way to deal with these serious fraud trials. It seems to me that we need a radical solution rather than just tinkering with the exist-

ing procedures." The judge said that he had begun to worry about Mr Seelig's health soon after the trial began last September. The

BY PAUL WILKINSON final straw had come two weeks ago when Mr Seelig

suffered the last and worst of

several breakdowns in court. .The jury, which had been absent at the time, was given a transcript of Mr Seeling's words. The judge said: "That transcript showed a man at the end of his health, bewildered at his loss of control and his inability to think straight, wondering whether his medication rather than his mental state is to blame, recognising that he seems to have gone funny yet insisting that he was all right and

could go on." An "even more poignant' tape recording of the outburst was offered to the jurors to listen to in their room. The judge said that it included Mr

Seelig crying and talking in a highly emotional manner. The case is estimated to have cost up to £2 million in lawvers fees alone.

Mr Justice Henry told the jury that he had warned Mr Seelig of the perils of conducting his own case, but he had sisted on his right to do so. Mr Seelig had professional legal advisors when arrested

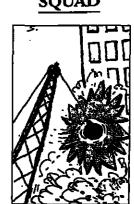
on charges arising out of the £2.7 billion takeover of Distillers by Guinness in 1986, but discharged them as costs rose. He claimed to have

spent more than £500,000. Mr Seeling's co-defendant. Lord Spens, aged 50. the former managing director of the merchant bank Henry Ansbacher, claims to have spent a similar sum before obtaining legal aid. Yesterday, he estimated that his costs paid from public funds since then at about £600,000. The Serious Fraud Office, the prosecution, puts its costs at

about £650,000. After yesterday's hearing, Mr Seelig said: "It was sim-ply a case of taking on too Continued on page 16 col 1

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fixes his sights on London's eyesores Life & Times Page 1

THE BIGGER THE BETTER



Dawn French sizes up the over 14s choice Life & Times Page 5 **SNOWED**



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Clowes gets ten years for 'UK's worst fraud'

the collapsed Barlow Clowes financial empire, yesterday began a ten year jail sentence after being convicted of fraud and theft charges involving millions of pounds of investors' money. The disgraced financier was also disqualified from involvement with arry company for 15 years.

Mr Justice Phillips, passing sentence at the Central Criminal Court, told Clowes: "I do not believe any judge in this country has ever been called

PETER Clowes, founder of upon to pass sentence on a worse case of fraud than yours. Anyone who deliberately carries out the massive fraud you have perpetrated must face the fact that, if caught, he must go to prison

for a very long time." Clowes, convicted on 18 counts of theft and fraud for "milking" unsuspecting investors of millions of pounds, 'showed no emotion as the sentence was passed. Peter

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week. The average time spent

in the shower is five minutes,

From that, the researchers

calculate that the average cit-

in the bath 15 to 30 minutes.

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Britain comes clean over bathroom antics

By Robin Young

BRITONS spend a year of their lives in the bath or shower on average, according to a survey of 2,500 people. More than half read in the bath, a third drink coffee, almost a third sing, a quarter consume alcohol, a seventh make phone calls. and a tenth use the time to clip their toenails, the survey by the bathroom suppliers

Graham says. Seven per cent eat in the bath, and four per cent claim to have sexual intercourse there. Others say that they watch television from their baths, write letters, tackle crosswords, or practise yoga and meditation. A few go to sleep. A tenth of the popula-

tion use their bath to wash the dog, while others share their baths with pet rabbits, cats (particularly Persians), or their children's toys. A tenth keep toys of their own to play with at bathtimes, while 4 per cent play with

their children's toys. The Graham Bath Report, published yesterday, indi-cates that three out of five people prefer baths to showers. More than half the respondents, though, prefer showers in summer and

baths in winter. Twenty eight per cent do not own a shower, while only two per cent lack a bath. In Greater London more than half those questioned did not have a shower and almost an eighth were without a bath.

Drink alcohol Wash hair Listen to music Beauty treatment Talk on phone Clip toenalls Wash dog

More than two thirds of Londoners claimed to take a bath every day. The cleanest citizens were those in the Channel Islands, where 83 per

cent take a shower every day, and half also take a bath several times a week. The report shows that 37 per cent of Britons shower several izen spends more than four and a half days a year in the bath or shower. Over a 70year lifespan, they estimate, that would add up about 341 days in the tub or under the More than a third of re-

spondents described their bathrooms as adequate. though in London two fifths complained that theirs were too small. Only 29 per cent were satisfied with the colour of their bathroom.

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O'Rourke: paid price of leadership challenge

Haughey era swept away with the ousting of eight ministers

THE Haughey era in Irish politics came to an abrupt end yesterday when eight of his ministers were dismissed by his successor Albert Reynolds. After being formally voted into office as the ninth prime minister in the republic's history, Mr Reynolds stunned party colleagues by announcing a cabinet in which eight Haughey appointees were omitted.

The new team was being seen as emphasising ability and merit. Ministers who owed their position largely to their loyalty to Mr Haughey were dropped, as were those who opposed Mr Reynolds in his failed leadership attempt in the autumn.

The most important ap-

pointment for Anglo-Irish re-lations is David Andrews, aged 56, a Dublin barrister, who replaces Gerard Collins as foreign minister. Mr Collins was expected to lose the foreign ministry portfolio, but retain a cabinet seat. Instead, he appears to have paid dearly for his appeals to Mr Reynolds to back down during the autumn heave

against Mr Haughey. Mr Andrews last held a junior ministerial post in 1979. He is considered one of the brightest members of the party, whose hostility to Mr Haughey ensured that he remained on the back benches during the 1980s.

Although the drift of Irish government policy on North-

Albert Reynolds wasted no time in making his mark as the new Irish prime minister yesterday with a cabinet shake out that shocked his Fianna Fail colleagues. Edward Gorman reports

ern Ireland is not expected to He might be described as a change, Mr Andrews may be prepared to take risks in the search for a breakthrough to a greater extent than his predecessor. As one observer put it: "Peace and reconciliation will be his absolute priorities. and he will be prepared to be quite radical."

Mr Andrews comes from a solid republican background, but represents Dun. Laoghaire the most liberal constituency in the country.

pragmatic nationalist who is close to the Northern Ireland-based SDLP, and he firmly believes that a devolu-

the best way forward. He is active in the British-Irish inter-parliamentary body, and is on good terms with many MPs at Westminster. He has also vigorously pursued cases of miscarriage of justice in the British courts relating to Ireland, including

tion settlement in Belfast is

those of the Birmingham Six. the Guildford Four, and the Maguire family. Apart from Mr Collins,

those who have lost their jobs are Mary O'Rourke (health). Rory O'Hanlon (environ-ment), Michael O'Kennedy (labour). Raymond Burke (justice), Vincent Brady (defence). Brendan Daly (social welfare), and Noel Davern (education).

Of those, the most surprising is Mary O'Rourke, sister of the former deputy prime minister, Brian Lenihan. who campaigned for the leadership, but won the support of only six of the party's 77 deputies as against 61 for Mr Reynolds. She was considered a more than able education minister and looked promising at health. but appears to have paid the price for her leadership

challenge. The dismissal of so many ministers suggests that Mr Reynolds believes that with a new team he can go to the country some time within the next two years and secure the overall majority for Fianna Fáil that eluded Mr Haughey. That would free the party from its coalition with the small Progressive Democrats, who have retained two seats in the

The full cabinet is: prime minister, Albert Reynolds; deputy prime minister and minister for defence. John

affairs, David Andrews; minister for 'finance. Bertie Ahern: minister for environment, Michael Smith; minister for agriculture, Joseph Walsh: minister for labour, Brian Cowen; minister for social welfare. Charles McCreevy; minister for health, Dr John O'Connell; minister for education, Seamus Brennan: minister for energy, Robert Molloy (PD); minister for industry and commerce, Desmond O'Malley (PD); minister for tourism, Maire Geoghegan-Quinn: minister for justice, Padraig Flynn; minister for the marine, Michael Woods: attorney-general. Harry

Policemen

jailed for

race attack

Two policemen who beat up and racially abused a black scientist were jailed for two

years yesterday. Judge Rivlin, QC, also ordered Mark Irvine, aged 28, and Barry Rankin, aged 25, each to pay

£500 compensation to Eman-nuel Ziregbe, their victim. The two off-duty officers

attacked Mr Ziregbe, who was earning extra money as a

minicab driver, as they left a

public house in Hammer-

smith last August after a stag

night celebration, Southwark crown court was told. The

judge, who was told that Mr Ziregbe had started civil ac-

tion against the two, said the

money was not intended to

reflect the true value of his

claim but the need for him to

Sentencing Irvine and

Rankin, the judge said:

against the very people they

have undertaken to protect are always serious matters.

Ouite apart from the trauma

suffered by the victim they do

untold damage to the reput-

ation of the police and public

confidence in the police

which is so vital in our

society."
Counsel for both men said

they had destroyed promising

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Colleges and schools call for A-level shake-up

By John O'Leary, education correspondent

STATE and independent school heads yesterday joined with universities to press for changes in the post-16 curriculum close to those proposed by Labour and the Liberal

Two state and two independent school associations issued a joint statement with university representatives criticising the government's plans for an Advanced Diploma to link academic and vocational qualifications. They accused the government of remaining isolated in the face of a consensus for more fun-

damental change.
The heads called for a more flexible curriculum, in which students could use vocational courses as credit towards Alevels or other qualifications. A new accreditation body would be needed to put a value on the wide variety of courses the system would

John Sutton, general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association, who chaired the



former lover at party

Mayoress sent poison pen letter

By Richard Duce

A MAYORESS sent a crude poison pen letter to the woman she discovered was having an affair with her former lover, a court was told vesterday.

Fran Oborski, the Liberal Democrat mayoress of Kidderminster. Worcestershire, was convicted of sending an "indecent or grossly offensive" letter to Penny Beard.

She sent the note after an argument at a Christmas parry with Peter Price, aged 52, her former lover and political agent. Mr Price had taken Mrs Beard, aged 48, to the party where Oborski began insulting her in the crowded bar. Droitwich magistrates

were told. Oborski, aged 46, who had an affair with Mr Price while he was staying at the home she shared with her husband Michael in Kidderminster, then sent an an anonymous letter to Mrs Beard labelling her a slut. It also said: "You are living with Mr Price and still claiming benefits. There are homeless families with kids who need your

Mr Parson said the relationship between Oborski and Mr Price, a former county councillor, had cooled. "Perhaps the falling out was a motive for this letter. It is a . perfectly plain example of a

poisoned pen letter." Oborski, who had denied the charge, was fined £250. She claimed the letter had been part of a dirty tricks campaign to embarrass her at a local election.

group, said: "We are all heartily sick of banging our heads against the A-level wall that has been built up." The five organisations' statement was an attempt to secure more rounded provision for 16-19 year olds.

The statement expressed concern at the high failure rate for A-levels, which averages almost a quarter of the candidates in each subject. and the pressure on many pupils to take examinations before they were ready. A credit system, which has been rejected for A-levels but implemented for some vocational qualifications, would allow students to build up qualifica-tions, choosing the most suitable courses for their

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, has insisted that A-levels should remain broadly unchanged, with vo-cational qualifications representing a separate edu-cational route with enhanced

The group, which included the Headmasters Conference. the Girls' Schools' Association and the principals of believe that the distinction between the academic and the vocational is now unhelp-

Labour and the Liberal Democrats have put forward plans for a linked system of vocational and academic qualifications. The heads, who said that they were not seeking "drastic structural changes to existing qualifications", have discussed their proposals with Jack Straw, the Labour education

☐ Mr Clarke yesterday announced a £20 million initiative to channel money for new buildings to the most popular schools. Regulations will be changed so that schools which are full and which perform well in the government's proposed league tables no longer have to turn away pupils if there are empty places in neighbouring schools.

The move follows pressure

from church schools, which have been denied the money to expand because of the number of surplus places in local authority schools. Parents have been forced to send their children to half-empty secular schools when they wanted them to be educated in a denominational school.

Mr Clarke said: "Good schools which are popular with parents should be able to expand if they wish." The money will be set aside from next year's overall capital budget for schools after consultation with local authorities, the churches and opt-out schools.



Rolling Stone, takes the stage with Tim Renton, the arts minister, at the launch yesterday at the Royal Festival Hall, London, of Britain's National Music Day, which was

(Simon Tait writes). Their first recruit to the cause was Harvey Goldsmith, the rock music impresario, and in his steps and onto the committee have followed representatives of Equity. the Musicians'

tion of "music that crosses all barriers and all styles". On June 28 there will be simultaneous events in London at Wembley Stadium, the South Bank and the Barbican and Prince will be among the big names taking part. Mr Jagger was asked if he had finally joined the establishment. "I think the establishment is the Church and the

tween the two several months ago South Bank Centre to plan, Mr encouraged by 15 provincial org to be either of those," he said.

Fraud prosecutions

Role of juries in doubt

JUDGE Henry's call yester-day for an overhaul of the way the criminal justice system tackles fraud trials will rekindie pressure for scrapping juries in complex fraud cases.

In recent months, the phenomenon of the "mega trial", highlighted last summer by the Lord Chief Justice, has become increasingly apparent. As well as the Guinness, Barlow Clowes and County NatWest cases, last month saw the record-breaking 16month fraud trial over the Britannia Park theme park development, which ended with a total cost of £3 million.

Concern has already prompted the Department of Trade and Industry to suggest to the royal commission on criminal justice that there be a rethink of the proposal made by the committee on fraud trials in 1986 under Lord Roskill for abolishing iuries in complex cases.

Such triais, the Roskill committee proposed, should be handled by a different kind of tribunal consisting of a judge and two lay assessors. But amid widespread criticism from the legal profession the idea was rejected by the government, which instead

Yesterday's halting of a Guinness trial calls into question the courts'

handling of fraud cases, writes Frances Gibb

brought in a package of less

radical reforms aimed at simplifying complex fraud trials. There is a growing view that those reforms, enshrined in the Criminal Justice Act 1987, were not enough. David Kirk, head of the fraud unit at the City law firm Stephenson Harwood, said: "These long trials are a tremendous strain on all involved. The reforms in the 1987 act were really tinkering at the edges: in the end it has to come down to the jury."

Judge Henry's comments, he said, were bound to have an impact and to lead to change. One possibility was for complex fraud cases to be tried by a single judge. "Single judges don't have a reputation for convicting more often than juries, or for being In spite of DTI support for

it is their right and I don't think it should be removed."

large section of the legal pro-fession, including the Serious

Fraud Office, which opposes

The Bar is fierce in its support of the jury system. Jonathan Caplan, chairman

of the public affairs commit-

tee, said: "We hold very dear

trial by jury and before seeing

that abandoned for a special

category of case, the Bar

would want to be sure that all

had been done to strip these

trials down to their kernel."

There was a duty on everyone

to ensure that only the essen-

tials were dealt with and that

complex issues were simpli-

fied so that the jury could

Long trials have also been

linked with the phenomenon of the unrepresented defen-

dant. Mr Caplan said: "It does put a terrible strain on a trial if a defendant represents

himself. But some people do feel that they know their case

best, although it is always

misguided because they can't see the wood for the trees. But

understand them.

scrapping the jury.

MEPs vote to ban tobacco adverts

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

EURO-MPs yesterday voted for a blanket ban on tobacco advertising and sponsorship throughout the European Community from 1993, despite unprecedented pressure in recent weeks from toblacco lobbyists claiming that there is no link between cigarette advertisements and Europe's 430,000 annual death toll from smoking-related illness.

The vote, which came as the British Medical Association and called on the government to support a ban, did not disappoint the Jobacco industry, which said that it had expected to lose by a bigger margin. Euro-MPs voted in favour of the European Commission's proposal by

"It shows our arguments are getting across," Christo-pher Bullock, of the Tobacco Advisory Council, said.

The draft directive will not become law unless EC countries' health ministers approve it at a meeting on May 15. Britain, Germany and The Netherlands form a blocking minority. Denmark Trial halted, page 1 last month changed to supporting a ban because of public opinion. The European

Bureau for Action on Smoking Prevention said yesterday that it hoped that public pressure would force one or all of the ban opponents to follow.

A poll by British Social Attitudes last month showed that 63 per cent of Tory vot-ers. 65 per cent of Labour voters and 67 per cent of Liberal Democrats favour a ban. the current voluntary code,

The government says that with tobacco companies agreeing not to advertise in women's and youth magazines, is more effective and that the number of new smokers in Britain is lower than in some countries where an advertising ban is enforced.

Conservative Euro-MPs were split on the issue yesterday. Bryan Cassidy (Dorset East and Hampshire West) said that it was contradictory for the EC to call for a ban while spending £700,000 a year growing unsaleable tobacco that was dumped on the world market. Caroline Jackson (Wiltshire) said that a ban was needed to avoid recruiting of new smokers.

The proposed ban would permit only point-of-sale

hunacy". The two men were convicted of causing Mr Ziregbe, a rubber scientist of Isleworth west London, actu-The jury, which took nearly ten hours to decide its ver-

al bodily narm. dicts, acquitted a third officer, Simon Birch, aged 30, of a similar charge. It failed to reach a verdict in the case of a

fourth officer, who faces a The incident happened last

August after all four went to The George in Hammer-smith Broadway, west Lon-don, to celebrate a colleague's stag night. Nicholas Loraine-Smith, for the prosecution, said: "It may be that drink was the trigger to what was some loutish and violent behaviour."

Carey appeal

The Archbishop of Canterbury last night condemned the failure of the market economy to protect the countryside. Dr George Carey called for funds gained through reduced price subsidies to be put back into farm incomes to help to protect the environment. He told the annual meeting of the Nat- 1 ional Farmers Union: "We cannot look to the market alone and we must look to the public purse."

Lenders blamed

Mortgage lenders have been too ready to resort to home repossessions and have been giving inappropriate advice to borrowers, says a report by the Catholic Housing Aid Society Is added them. Society. It adds that irresponsible behaviour by lenders included granting 100 per cent mortgages, an ad hoc and inconsistent response to arrears from the same lender. and a failure to recover arrears through other methods.

Ashdown gains

The fortunes of the Liberal Democrats have improved since their leader, Paddy Ashdown, told of an affair with a former secretary, according to a poll published last night. It put the Tories (down two points) and Labour (down one point) on 40 per cent and the Liberal Democrats up four points to 16 per cent. ICM interviewed 1,462 people for The Guard-

British commandos and war-

ships will join Kuwaiti forces in May for the first of a series of military exercises designed to warn off Iraq and other potential aggressors, it was announced yesterday after the signing in London of a defence pact between Britain

Cavalry regiments dragooned into a change of name

DEFENÇE CORRESPONDENT

NEW titles for amalgamated caval-

ry regiments were announced by the defence ministry yesterday. after months of internal debate. Two famous Royal Hussar regiments have agreed to change their names completely and have opted for an historical name which is

closely linked to their origins. Of the 10 cavalry regiments involved in the mergers, the amalgamation of the 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) and 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars, is the most dramatic. They are to be called the Light Dragoons. This title goes back to 1756

when, under threat of invasion

from France. light troops were added to some existing dragoon regiments. They wore jockey caps and boots and were trained for light cavalry duties — reconnaissance and skirmishing - previously the preserve of irregular horse regi-ments such as the Hungarian hus-sars. The word "hussar" was used in Hungary in the 15th century and meant "scout" or "spy".

The Light Dragoons is a title that has been common to all four regiments. The 15th, 18th and 19th were all raised as light dragoons and the 13th's major battle honour is Balaklava, when it was designated as light dragoons.

In the amalgamation of the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers and the 17th/21st Lancers, now to be called the Queen's Royal Lancers, both regiments were determined to retain their unique historical ties. It has been agreed.

King's Hussars.

The ministry also announced the line in the charge of the Light new title for an amalgamation of Brigade at Balaklava. The 18th.

therefore, that the new regiment will keep the 17th/21st Lancers' famous regimental motto, "Death or Glory". The motto was chosen in the 1760s to commemorate the successful storming of Quebec by General James Wolfe in 1759.

The other new titles announced yesterday were: The Royal Dragoon Guards, an amalgamation of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards and 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards: the Queen's Royal Hussars (The Queen's Own and Royal Irish), a merger of The Queen's Own Hussars and The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars: and The King's Royal Hussars, a merg-er of The Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own) and the 14th/20th

five corps. The Royal Logistic Corps, to be formed in April 1993. will absorb the Royal Corps of Transport, the Royal Army Ord-nance Corps, the Royal Pioneer Corps, the Army Catering Corps and the Postal and Courier Section Corps of Royal Engineers.

The mergers are part of the government's plan to reduce the size of the army from 156,000 to 116,000 under its Options for Change defence review. The titles of the merged infantry regiments have still to be decided.

help quell the Jacobite rising. In 1787 they were renamed the 13th Light Dragoons and served at Wa-

Hussars were raised in 1759 as the 19th Light Dragoons. They also served at Waterloo. The 15th Hussars, also formed in 1759 to meet a new need for

light cavalry, served at the battle of Emsdorf in 1760, the first recorded battle honour in the army. The 19th Light Dragoons were formed at the same time and after

being disbanded and reformed

three times emerged in 1858 as the 1st Bengal European Cavairy. In a separate announcement yesterday, the ministry announced The 13th Hussars were raised as changes in the South of England. Munden's Dragoons in 1715 to ... The existing southeast and southwest districts are to be merged to form the southern district, with its headquarters at Aldershot. There will now be five districts: Scotland. Eastern. Wales and Western,

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War deaths libel case

Massacre witness says he was forced to exaggerate story

FROM KERRY GILL IN VILNIUS

AN ELDERLY pig farmer who admitted taking part in atrocities against Jewish families during the second world war said yesterday that he had exaggerated allegations against his former commanding officer when taking part in a programme made by Scottish Television.

After giving a horrifying account of the mass slaughter of men, women and children by Lithuanian troops in Belorussia during 1941, Juozas Aleksynas, aged 78, told the Scottish court sitting here in Vilnius that he had been forced to elaborate his evidence by the former Soviet

Mr Aleksynas, one of three Scottish Television, which is being sued for £600,000 by Anton Gecas, a former junior officer in the Lithuanian police, was asked about evidence supplied for the programme, screened in 1987. He said through an interpreter: "I think some exaggeration has been made by myself about Gecas at this time. It was the Bolshevik regime and it demanded that there should be as much accusations against the person as possible."
His remarks, which came

at the end of his evidence in chief to the Scottish court, were the first indication that pressure was brought to bear on witnesses to incriminate Mr Gecas, a retired mining engineer, aged 76, who be-came a naturalised Briton in 1956. Mr Gecas, who lives in Edinburgh, has denied that he was a war criminal.

Mr Aleksynas also admitted under cross-examination that he was forced to make allegations about other people as he underwent physical and mental torture by the KGB during the winter of 1944-5. He admitted to John Simpson, counsel for Mr Gecas: "It went as far as having to say 'write down what you want, and I will sign it." But he denied making up stories about Mr Gecas more

years for war crimes, has denied that he hanged and shot Communists, commissars and Jews, or that he served in an SS battalion.

The programme alleged that Mr Gecas, after Jewish families were rounded up and shot, had joined German officers to finish off victims. When Mr Aleksynas, the first of three old and frail witnesses being called in Vilnius this week, was asked about this, he said that he had not seen Mr Gecas, his unit commander, actually shoot someone, although he had given orders for shooting to take

The court has had to sit in



Aleksynas: jailed for ten years for war crimes

were considered too frail or unwilling to travel to Scotland. Mr Aleksynas gave his evidence in an assured and clear voice. He recalled the days between June and November 1941, when his battal-ion, under the ultimate command of the Germans, aided a massacre of thousands of Jewish civilians after Hitler struck against the

Soviet Union. Speaking in a small court room temporarily under the jurisdiction of the Scottish legal system, he told how his unit, under Mr Gecas, went to the area of Minsk, Belorussia, where Jewish families were rounded up, shot and left dead in gravel pits. On another occasion. Soviet prisoners were ordered to dig pits Mr Aleksynas, who was loads of Jews were brought to

see, they were then driven to the pits and shot," he said, adding that Lithuanian troops carried out the murders on German orders.

After an attack on a convoy, the Lithuanians, under the Germans, combed a forest for partisans. When they came across a village, the men were driven to the school. German officers, and Mr Gecas, went to the school. "A person was taken out to the vegetable garden and just shot there. People said there were 18. It was dusk, and as far as I could see, one officer wore a German uniform, and the other a Lithuanian uniform," Mr Aleksynas said. After he had described

another incident in which a mass killing of Jews took place at Slutsk, Mr Simpson, for Mr Gecas, read him a report by the then commis-sioner for the surrounding territory. The commissioner had regretted that the incident had "bordered on sa dism", and that the town had offered a "picture of horror during the action of inde-scribable brutality, both on the part of the German police officers, and in particular on the part of the Lithuanian

Mr Simpson put it to Mr Aleksynas that Mr Gecas had not given orders to shoot Jews at the pits, that he was not at the Soviet PoW camp, he was not at the birch grove, nor was he in Slutsk. Mr Aleksynas replied: "So Gecas was nowhere at all."

When Scottish Television came to interview him. Mr Aleksynas said he was collected by car and taken to Vilnius. Although it was the procurator under the Soviet regime who told him of the event, he added that the same procurator was in place in

Vilnius today.

Asked if he felt he had been given any choice but to make the statements to Scottish Television, Mr Aleksynas replied: "I was just asked to come and I arrived. I am used not to resisting anything, and haved like always.

Dealer has

All smiles: Marilyn Quayle, wife of the American vice-president, visiting Hawkswood school for the profoundly deaf in Chigwell, Essex, yesterday

Julie Ward lover tells of romance at Kenyan lodge

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROB!

THE last boy friend of Julie Ward, the British woman murdered in the Kenyan bush three and a half years ago, told a hushed court in Nairobi yesterday of their romantic night in a bush lodge.

Stephen Watson, aged 31, described Miss Ward, then aged 28, as romantic, independent and sympathetic. He denied instructions from James Oreno, for the defence, that she was promiscuous.

Before Mr Justice Fidahussein Abdullah in the Nairobi High Court, Mr Watson, a former safari leader who now manages a London cinema, described how he came to spent the night with Miss Ward. Pausing to allow the translator time to turn his words into Masai, he said that he had met Miss Ward when she and a friend had broken down in her Suzuki jeep near the Mara Serena lodge. He had towed them to the bush hotel.

They spent the next two days at the hotel talking non stop about Africa and he became smitten with Miss Ward. She invited him to use the spare bed in her room.

"When I got to her room Julie was already in bed, so I got into the other one while she sat up reading," he said. She put down her book and

we continued chatting."
"After about two hours I got out of my bed and sat on the edge of hers and continued talking. After spending 18 to 20 hours talking to her I had become quite fond of her," he said.

Salin Dhanji, the private prosecutor hired by the Ke-

nyan government, asked: "Do you think she reciprocat-

Mr Watson said: "I'm not sure. She had not made any signs to suggest so. We talked for another hour or so before ! plucked up courage to lean over and kiss her first on the

forehead. "I figured if that if she showed any signs of rejecting me that I could pretend it was a kiss good night. She did not seem to object so we contin-ued to kiss for about half an hour before I climbed into her bed," said Mr Watson. whose eyes were red with tears. He said they made love

and he returned to his bed. The next day he tried to persuade Julie to put off her plans to fly to Ethiopia and Ghana before returning to England to set up a business importing African curios. They made a tentative plan to meet up again in Naivasha, which was on Mr Watson's tour route, on September 7.

By then Miss Ward had been missing for two days having been abducted from her car, which was found stuck in a gully near a sand

Two Masai game rangers Peter Kipeen, aged 26, and Jonah Magiroi, aged 28, are charged with her murder. Both men appeared gaunt and hid their faces from the

Mr Watson's next word of Miss Ward came when he met her father, John Ward, at the British High Commission in Nairobi, as he was setting up an aerial search for his daughter. Mr Watson joined

the search and described how, at the Makari rangers outpost, the base of the two accused Masai, he and Mr Ward found a battery being recharged in the sun. The prosecution is likely to try to show that the battery came from Miss Ward's camera.

Later the court was told of Miss Ward's prophetic note to Doug Morey, a pilot with Airkenya. She left a short letter on his car which said: "Gone down to the Mara for a couple of days — be back Sunday evening some time. If you fly over a little Suzuki stuck in the mud down there — give us a wave!"

Drivers hold key to thefts

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

ONE in three people leave their vehicles unlocked at some time, according to a survey published yesterday at the launch of a £5 million campaign to cut car theft.

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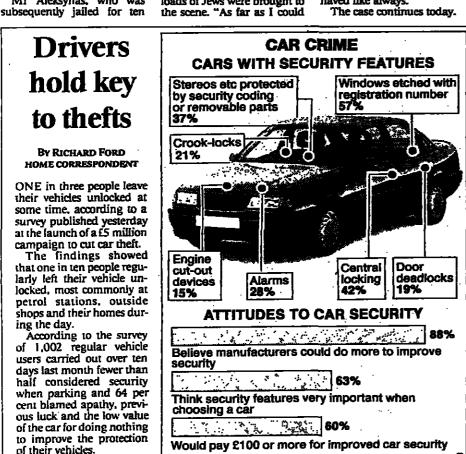
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The findings showed that one in ten people regularly left their vehicle unlocked, most commonly at petrol stations, outside shops and their homes during the day.

According to the survey of 1,002 regular vehicle users carried out over ten days last month fewer than half considered security when parking and 64 per cent blamed apathy, previous luck and the low value of the car for doing nothing to improve the protection of their vehicles.

The government's car crime prevention year is intended to reverse what is seen by Home Office ministers as the public's casual attitude towards thefts of and from cars. It includes television and radio commercials plus a national car care week in June.

European cars, pages 24-6



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Leave their cars unlocked at some time

to return heirlooms

AN ANTIQUES dealer who paid an elderly woman £1,400 for heirlooms valued at £30,000 was yesterday ordered by a judge to hand them back.

The items, bought from the 'Aladdin's cave" home of 70year-old Audrey Prinsep ended from an Anglo-Indian family that produced several eminent late 18th century and Victorian artists - included a £25,000 painting, Beauty and the Beast, by

Valentine Prinsep, a Victorian Royal Academician Judge Diamond, in the High Court, held that Robert Barrett had obtained the items, including jewellery and ornaments, by fraudulent misrepresentation. He ordered that paintings now

held at a London auction house be returned to Miss Prinsep and her brother, Ivan, aged 64, a business consultant in Switzerland. Mr Barrett, aged 44, was ordered to pay £2,965 damages for items sold before the

court case, plus legal costs. He will get back his £1,400. The judge ruled that Mr Barrett's dealings during two visits to Miss Prinsep's flat, in Knightsbridge, west London, in 1989 were invalidated by his misrepresentations.

Mr Barrett, who lives in the Brighton area but gave Miss Prinsep a "contact" address in Kensington Church Street - centre of the London antiques trade - agreed that he was not an antiques expert. the judge said, but had repre-sented himself as able to give valuations comparable to those made by Sotheby's. He had described Miss Prinsep's flat as an "Aladdin's Cave".

The judge said that Miss Prinsep suffered from depression and had spent some time in hospital under a mental health order after parting with the heirlooms. She was vulnerable and naive.

Miss Prinsep had sued through a legal "next friend".

Cider expects Europe to do its duty

Keays rejected £100,000 offer the seventh day of the libel Keays, asked Mr Hughes

SARA Keays's story was "not for sale" in spite of big offers from newspapers after her affair with Cecil Parkinson became public, a solicitor told

the High Court yesterday. Allan Hughes, who acted for Miss Keays between 1983 - when the affair was first reported — and 1989, said that he had received numerous enquiries from newspapers seeking a story, but she was not interested in the money. Giving evidence on case brought by Miss Keays, Mr Hughes told Mr Justice Drake that one of the offers was in excess of £100,000.

Miss Keays, aged 44, of Marksbury, near Bath, is claiming damages against New Woman magazine which she says accused her in a 1989 article of writing a book to try to embarrass Mr Parkinson. The magazine denies libel.

John Previte, QC, for Miss

how she had instructed him in relation to newspaper enquiries. "My instructions were clear. She was not interested in them. But I considered it my professional duty to relay any figures mentioned,

any offers made, to her."
Mr Previte: "What was her reaction?" Mr Hughes: "Total refusal to consider them. Her story was not for sale was the line she took."

The case continues today.

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By ROBIN YOUNG

THE European parliament was mulling over a traditional pint of English cider yesterday. On the outcome of its deliberations, the National Association of Cider Makers believes, may depend the future of the £600 million British industry, which makes more cider than all of

the rest of Europe put together. The European Commission, in drafting a directive intended to bring a measure of harmonisation to duties levied by the 12 EC member countries on alcoholic drinks, followed a European Court of Justice ruling that anything made from fermenting fruit should be

The court was upholding a complaint that Denmark had been using lower rates of duty to favour its production of fruit wines against imported wines made from grapes. By making its ruling in terms of source material of drink,

however, the court laid the ground for the argument that eider, made from apples, and perry, made from pears, should be subject to the same rates of

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The effect in Britain would be to increase duty on a pint of cider from about 12p to 56 2p, and that, says the National Association of Cider Makers, "would mean we could say goodbye to the market overnight". They argue that rates of duty have evolved to take account of how drinks are used, as well as how they are made. Cider, they say, is a competitor to beer, not wine, and should be taxed accordingly.

The cider makers' cause, supported by all the main political parties in Britain, has been championed by Mel Read, Labour Euro-MP for Leicester. As a member of the European parliament's economic and monetary affairs committee, Mrs Read was in a position to table amendments to the parliament's draft

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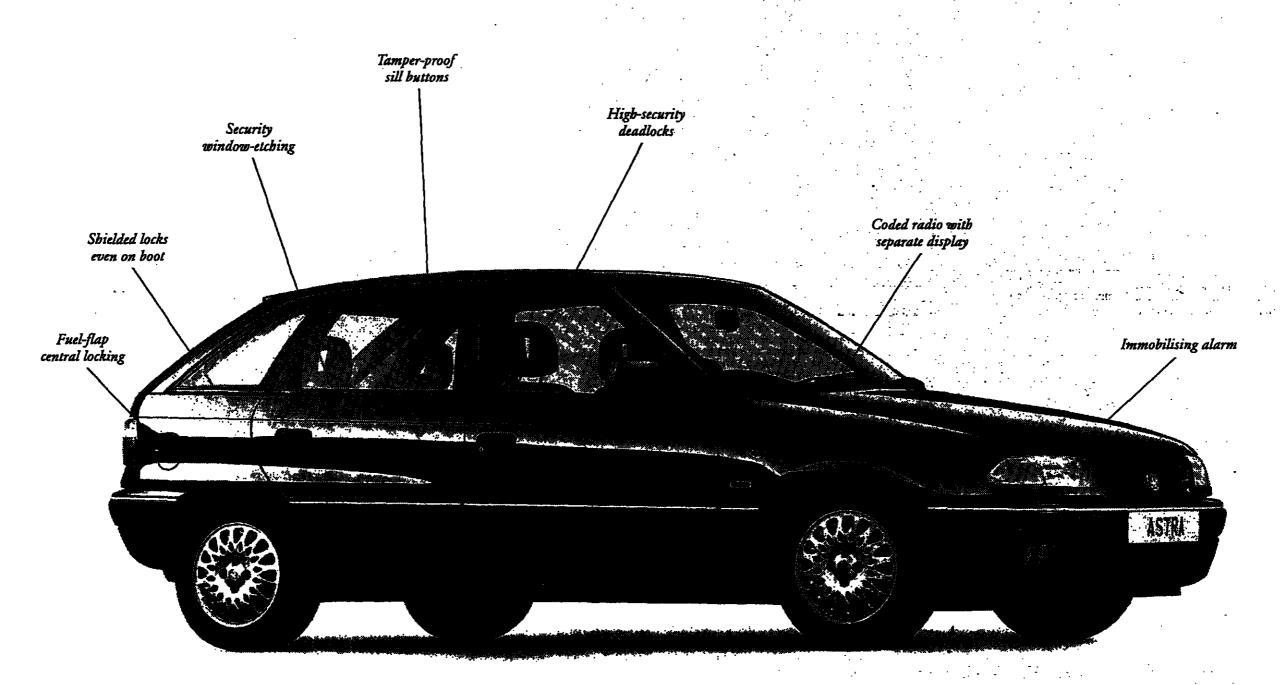
opinion on the commission's draft directive. A spokesman for the National Associ-

ation of Cider Makers said: "The issue is really only of concern in the United Kingdom. In other member states, the duty levels on wine are so low that it makes little difference."

Cider has enjoyed a resurgence in Britain lately, with sales topping a record 75 million gallons last year. The biggest sellers, excluding supermarkets' own labels, are Bulmer's Strongbow. Gaymer's Olde English, Bulmer's Woodpecker, Merrydown, and Taunton's Dry Blackthorn. However, cider's advance partly re-

flects the launch of drier premium brands, including Taunton's Diamond White, Dry Blackthorn and Red Rock. Bulmer's Mac, Gaymer's Iced Dragon and Showerings' "K", which is at the upper limit of strength for cider without being subject to a heavier rate of duty.

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Durham cuts clergy jobs as Church tightens belt

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Bishop of Durham. who recently branded the government "stupid" for permitting the loss of 1,300 jobs in the Yorkshire coalfield, is to announce the loss of one in eight clergy jobs in his diocese, it was disclosed

Churchgoers will learn of the cuts in a pastoral letter to the clergy, to be read from pulpits on Sunday. The Rt Rev David Jenkins describes a programme of "rationalising our parishes, deanery by deanery". Ten posts have al-ready gone and 26 will follow. reducing the number to 282.

Durham is the fourth of England's 43 dioceses to announce job cuts, all of which will go through natural wastage. More dioceses, faced with cuts in stipend contributions from the Church Commissioners, are expected to follow this year.

The latest cuts come as priests in the Church of England begin to face the spectre of unemployment. Although most still have security through the clergy freehold, a "job for life", those who wish

Medical error laws dismissed as a lottery

By Thomson Prentice MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE court system for dealing with medical negligence claims is a lottery that gives big awards to some and leaves others in poverty, the Spastics Society says today. An alternative scheme of

"no-fault" compensation, in which an award is made without the need to prove negligence, would be largely irrele-vant in many cases of cerebreport. Medical intervention, or lack of it, has nothing to do with most cases of cerebral palsy, but, under the no-fault scheme, it would need to be shown to be the cause of disability, said Brian Lamb, the society's head of campaigns

and co-author of the report. The disorder accounts for 80 per cent of big settlements of negligence claims, but few actions are successful, according to the report. It calls for a comprehensive disability in-come scheme linked to need, and legal reforms to make the medical profession more accountable for negligence.

No-fault compensation is not the quick fix many people would like it to be," Mr Lamb said yesterday. "Parents want financial security for their child's future and information about the birth itself. A no-fault scheme is deficient on both counts.

The current option of pursuing negligence claims through the courts is clearly unfair. What we have is a state lottery which leaves some people adequately sup-ported and others in poverty." About 1,500 such children

are born every year. Last year, parents of 600 began legal action. Evidence shows that 85 per cent of cerebral palsy arises during pregnancy or after delivery is completed. the report says.

Paying for Disability: No Fault Compensation — Panacea or Pandora's Box (the Spastics Society. 12 Park Crescent, London WIN 4EQ; £2.95) to move on are finding it increasingly difficult to do so. Durham is the second diocese to announce the suspension of all freeholds which become vacant in order to rationalise parishes.

A report published this week shows a record number of priests seeking new jobs signed up with the Church's official employment agency last year. More than 500 sought help from Canon Ian Hardaker, appointments adviser for the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, up 48 from 1990.

Canon Hardaker says in his annual report: "The increase in the number of requests for assistance may also be due to some contraction in the number of posts

Some dioceses were cutting dergy jobs to stay within their budgets. "There will in consequence be some men and women looking for posts in other dioceses who, two years ago, would have been able to remain in their own diocese," he adds.

It is unlikely other dioceses will be able to absorb the surplus priests and deacons and there are fewer jobs available. "In consequence, those who wish to move are going to find it increasingly difficult to do so". He said that so many clergy were looking for new jobs that his staff were stretched to the limit.

Canon Hardaker says that the increase may be because clergy no longer object to their names going on a list for circulation to bishops. His report is proof that the

days when the second sons of gentry obtained wealthy livings in the Church of England through word of mouth and patronage are over. As the recession continues to hit the Church Commissioners about one fifth of the Church's dioceses in England

are considering big cuts. There is no register of unemployed priests, and one Church spokesman said there was "no such thing" as an unemployed priest. However, fewer candidates are putting themselves forward for ordination and the number of serving clergy fell from 11,500 in 1989 to 11,400 in

Two dioceses, Chelmsford and Lincoln, have already announced plans to cut clergy by up to 10 per cent through natural wastage. Liverpool has proposed a reorganisation in the city centre which would result in a cut in clergy

Canon Hardaker said: 'Nobody keeps statistics on unemployed clergy. I do not think unemployment is a problem for the clergy at the moment, but there are not quite as many vacancies

gather in London today to

confront the Lord Chancellor

over his proposals for legal

aid fees, the Law Society is

urging another minister to

intervene over an "intoler-

able" backlog of millions of

pounds owed in legal aid fees.

Law Society, has urged Mich-

ael Howard, the employment

secretary with responsibility

Philip Ely, president of the



Raising a fortune: Victoria Code, of Christie's in London, with part of the 28.000-piece Vung Tau cargo salvaged from the sea

Chinese porcelain for sale after 300 years at sea

A CARGO of Chinese porcelain that sank off the southem coast of Vietnam 300 years ago is expected to fetch £1.5 million at Christie's, in Amsterdam, in

Some of the 28,000 blue and white goblets, vases and teapots are encrusted with barnacles but most look as fresh as the day the ship set sail, its cargo destined for the European market. This boost for a moribund art market comes from one of the world's last remaining communist bastions, the Vietnamese government.

The treasure was discovered in 1989 by a Vietnamese fisherman trawling for shellfish who snagged his net on an obstruction 120ft below the surface. The obstruction turned out to be the remains of an Asian junk, originally about 110ft long and 33ft wide, packed The Vietnamese Salvage

Corporation, a state-owned

THE international ban on

the ivory trade alone is not

enough to save the African

elephant, the World Wide

Fund for Nature said

yesterday. Senior fund officials at-

racked this "simplistic" belief in western countries. They said that substantial aid for

anti-poaching and other

measures were also necessary.

and perhaps some trade in

elephant products such as

hides - anathema to some

environmental groups —

? At a meeting in London the fund reiterated its support for

the two-year-old ivory ban.

to investigate widescale de-

lays in payments to lawyers and forensic scientists.

Yesterday, the society said:

"Many firms are reeling from

the effect of delays in pay-

ment brought about by the

government, which now owes

millions of pounds in up-wards of 1,500 cases where

the defence has completed the

job and sent the bill to the

The society says that in

December nearly 50 per cent of these bills had been unpaid

for more than five months.

The appeal to Mr Howard

comes on the eve of the first

national protest rally by solic-

itors in England and Wales.

The lawyers are angry about

plans for fixed fees for legal

aid work in magistrates'

courts in place of hourly rates,

and say that the change

would make many of them

Mr Ely is taking up an offer

made last October by Mr Howard, who said: "My de-

partment will take up any

cases that are made to us

about late payment by gov-

Mr Ely, in a letter to Mr

Howard, says that most law

firms have five partners or

fewer and that legal aid firms

give up legal aid work.

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should be allowed.

Lawyers protest at

legal aid delay

BY FRANCES GIBB. LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

AS NEARLY 2,000 solicitors for policy on small businesses,

A treasure trove of blue and white porcelain, which lay submerged in the South China Sea for about 300 years, is estimated to fetch £1.5 million at auction, Sarah Jane Checkland writes

Tusk forces square up over elephants

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

company of the ministry of transport and communications, took on the task of salvaging the cargo as a commercial opportunity. The corporation is a government monopoly which undertakes all salvage and sea-bed investigations with-in the territorial waters of Vietnam. The Swedish company Sverker Hallstrom was enlisted to provide surveying skills and remote-controlled diving vehicles. Interruptions by monsoons meant that the retrieval of the entire cargo took three

Archaeologists believe that the junk was a South East Asian trading vessel almost certainly bound for the city of Batavia, now Jakarta.

countries will attempt to over-

turn at next month's confer-

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Trade in Endangered Spe-

cies. "We strongly oppose any

resumed trade because it

risks stimulating poaching elsewhere on the African con-

tinent," said Simon Lyster.

senior conservation officer for the WWF.

Dr Lyster said the fund

would support trade in non-

ivory products for certain

countries, under strict condi-

tions, if it was the only way to

guarantee their support for

the ivory ban. Some pressure

groups, he said, such as Brit-

one of the centres for the Dutch trading empire. The premature end to its voyage may have caused by the many pirates who roamed those seas, but it seems more likely that there was a fire on board. Wood salvaged from the wreck indicates that when the vessel sank it had been burnt to the water line.

Apart from a few metal boxes, presumably owned by sailors, the wreck discloses nothing about the crew or its circumstances. Because of this lack of evidence, the consignment has been named the Vung Tau cargo after the nearest city in Vietnam to where it was found.

Christie's has gained a reputation for selling trea-

gation Agency, would no doubt call that "selling out

the elephant", but their mess-

There is a growing split in

the environmental movement

between animal welfare cam-

paigners, who believe that all

life is sacred, and conserva-

tionists who claim that some

animals such as the elephant

will only be saved if local

populations have an econom-

WWF's Africa programme, and Holly Dublin, the fund's

elephant expert in Kenva.

said the West was too

Eurocentric. "We have to look

John Newby, director of

age was misguided.

ic interest.

tures from wrecks since its £10 million sale of the socalled Nanking cargo on be-Some dealers have exhalf of the adventurer Captain Michael Hatcher. Colin Sheaf, Christie's Chi-

Vietnamese government to undertake the latest project.
Whereas the Nanking car-go consisted mainly of table-ware, the Vung Tau consignment was never intended to have a practical function. "It is porcelain for dressing a room, not to eat dinner off," said Mr Sheaf. who hopes to stimulate a return of the 17th century

nese expert, said that he

had been approached by the

nitures" or sets of jars in various shapes. A video recording has been made for potential buyers. Viscount Linley, the furniture maker, is seen on it admiring a wall bulging with jars, and discussing how the porcelain could be

to Africans, " Mr Newby said.

"Many Africans do not want

to live with elephants if it

means them trampling down

their crops." The self-satisfac-

tion in the West after the ban

was brought in was not enough, he said.

mand for elephant products was completely killed, many

more elephants might be sen-

tenced to death, because they

would cease to have economic

relevance to the local people.

Simply putting elephants in national parks, did not work.

she said, as most countries

were too poor to carry out the

necessary conservation

Dr Dublin said that if de-

fashion for decorating walls and mantelpieces with "gar-

displayed in the homes of today.

pressed fears that Christie's is about to flood the market with blue and white porcelain. The few items from the Nanking cargo that have been offered back on the market recently, they said, had not fared well, and the Vung Tau cargo may suffer a similar fate.

Christie's faces a further difficulty in that its biggest group of potential collectors, from America, are banned from buying be-cause of a US embargo on trade with Vietnam.

Mr Sheaf said yesterday that there were many fur-ther wrecks full of similar cargoes off the Vietnamese coast, and if all went well, the market could expect more similar sales. It is not inconceivable that Chinese blue and white porcelain suddenly becomes the biggest design phenomenon of the Nineties.

35 held

in drugs

raids

By Stewart Tendler

CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THIRTY-FIVE people were

arrested yesterday in an oper-

ation aimed at breaking a

growing market in crack, her-

oin, and other drugs on the

streets around King's Cross

In raids on 24 homes in

north and south London,

police discovered 75 pieces of

crack, the powerful cocaine derivative, including 60 hid-

den in the toe of a woman's

shoe. The raids were carried

out by 300 officers drawn

together after a six-week sur-

veillance operation by under-

Commander Barry Moss,

head of operations for the

police area covering the sta-

tion, said that an increase in

drug dealing had become ap-parent from local officers' re-ports. The officers had been

unable to stem the trade and

people living or working near

Mr Moss said that several

by had begun to complain.

gangs were dealing in drugs

on the streets and making

substantial profits. One kilo-

gram of cocaine costing £30,000 could yield 5,000

"rocks" of crack at £25 each.

station, London.

cover officers.

Porter is cleared of sex attack on rambler

A man was cleared yesterday of a sex attack that left a woman rambler brain-damaged and disabled for life. Darren Nichol, aged 24, was accused of attempting to murder Josephine Chandler during a coast-to-coast walk across the north of England.

He was acquitted after a five-day trial at Teesside crown court in which he did not give evidence. Det Chief Supt Robin Cooper, who led the investigation, said after the verdict: "I will not be

reopening the case."

Mrs Chandler, a senior occupational therapist aged 48, of Chepstow, Gwent, was by the Swale near Catterick Bridge, North Yorkshire. when she was attacked in August 1990. She was found by the riverside, badly bat-tered about the head, unconscious and almost naked.

James Spencer, QC, for the prosecution, told the court that the attack had left the fit, active and outgoing Mrs Chandler permanently braindamaged and disabled and unable to remember any thing about it. He alleged that Nichol had assaulted her when she refused his sexual advances.

Nichol, a kitchen porter, of Darlington, Co Durham, was advised by a lawyer not to say anything to police when he was arrested two months after the attack except: "I didn't do anything - I am

Rape case man found dead

social worker facing charges of indecent assault and rape was found dead with his lover in a fume-filled car by their house in Little Hulton, Greater Manchester. Police said there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the deaths of Alan Bridges, aged 55, and Sheila Knowles, aged 42. Mr Bridges was to stand trial at Bolton crown court next

Mortar alert

Offices in the centre of Edinburgh were evacuated for two hours while army bomb experts detonated second world war grenades, mortars and a large number of bullets in a controlled explosion. They were found by workmen digging a trench.

New station

British Rail is to to build a £50 million station in Birming-ham's Heartlands development area. It is expected to be completed in the mid-1990s and will be served by all InterCity services now calling at New Street.

Pollution fine

British Steel was fined £10.000 for polluting a wildlife haven on the Tees estuary with effluent from its plant at Redcar, Cleveland. The company blamed freak winds which had caused tanks to overflow.

Four charges

Four drug charges against the Marquess of Bristol, aged 37, were adjourned for six weeks by magistrates at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, after his counsel said he was midway through detoxification treatment at a London clinic.

Super eel

An 8ft conger eel weighing 123lbs caught off Scarborough was landed at Grimsby. According to the Guinness Book of Records, the heaviest conger is 110lbs 8oz.

ain's Environmental Investiat how elephants are relevant Franklin memory kept alive

By JOHN YOUNG

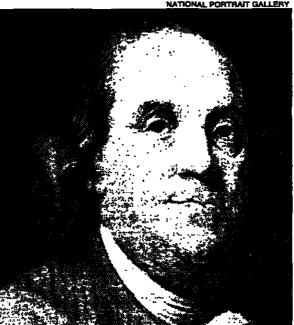
THE United States congress will vote soon on whether to provide about £830.000 towards the restoration of a Georgian terrace house near Charing Cross, central London, the home for 16 years of Benjamin Franklin. one of the fathers of the

American revolution.
The Friends of Benjamin Franklin House hope to raise about £15 million to restore the house as a museum, buy the two adjoining properties to provide offices and a study centre, and endow scholarships for American students to attend British universities. The group's supporters include President Bush and Margaret Thatcher.

Franklin was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1706, the 17th and youngest son of an English candlestickmaker who had emigrated from Banbury. Oxfordshire. At the age of 17 he left home for Philadelphia, where he became a journalist and politician.

In 1757 he arrived in London where he found "genteel lodgings" at 36 Craven Street. Although he was officially accredited to the Court of St James as the representative of the Philadelphia assembly, he be-came de facto spokesman for all the American colonies - in effect the first American ambassador.

During his time in London he edited his own newspaper, produced pam-



Founding father: Benjamin Franklin, portrayed in the style of Joseph Siffred Duplessis

phlers defending the rights of the American colonists, and wrote several learned papers for the Royal Society. He also introduced the concept of daylight saving time, and is credited with having invented bifocal spectacles and watertight bulkheads for ships, and having drawn the first accurate map of the Gulf Stream. He was awarded honorary degrees by five British universities.

His efforts to prevent a break between the American colonies and the mother country, however, ended in despair. In 1775 he left London for the last time, and is widely credited with having played the principal part in drafting the Declaration of Independence. The house was damaged

by incendiary bombs in the second world war and was later damaged by vandals. In 1989, at Mrs Thatcher's instigation, the house was presented to the Friends by its owner, the British Rail Property Board, and restoration work began last June. It is hoped to complete the work early next year.

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rely on prompt payment, with many using loans "to enable them to stay in business". Law Report L&T section, page 11



The voice of reason?

This gentleman would like us to change the way we do certain things in this country.

And to be fair, there are others who feel as he does. This week a Member of Parliament will introduce a Private Member's Bill which, if enacted, would do just what our friend above would like. It would ban hunting in Britain.

This would be a tragedy for Britain, and a disaster for our countryside.

Hunting is an important part of life in the country, and is one of the forces which shapes the very appearance of the countryside.

If it were not for hunting and other country sports, much of our woodland and many of our hedgerows, which are

the support for an extraordinary range of wildlife, would simply not exist.

Foxes are certainly not harmless and domesticated creatures. They are cunning and ruthless predators and they inflict great damage. Reducing the fox population by hunting is not cruel. If it were, few people would support it. Yet, every week during the season, hundreds of thousands of men and women from all walks of life come out to support hunts throughout Britain.

They enjoy the atmosphere and the display, reassured by the knowledge that generations before them did the same. They watch the skill of man and hound working together. They appreciate and respect country ways.

But for some people hunting is much more than a pastime. Many families, in fact, derive their livelihood from it. Independent research shows that well over sixteen thousand people, many living in areas of high unemployment, would lose their jobs if hunting were to be banned — the equivalent of closing Ravenscraig twelve times over!

Those who support hunting believe that this important part of the British way of life must be protected. People who hunt care about animals. They also care passionately about the countryside, and wish to protect and preserve it for the generations who are yet to come.

Thousands ask only that they be allowed to do so.

The voice of reason?

Allan Lamb — Cricketer

Lynn Anderson — Midwife Ron Appleton - Veterinary Surgeon Gee Armytage — Champion Jockey Marcus Armytage – Grand National Winner Ian Balding - Trainer Sue Barker – Nurse Duke of Beaufort Geoff Benney - Farmer, Cornwall John Bilsland — Gardener Chay Blyth - Sailor Ian Botham - Cricketer Geoff Brooks - Farmer, Leics Raymond Brooks-Ward - TV Commentator David Broome - World Champion Showjumper Douglas Bunn – Hickstead Ann Cairns - Art Director Sir Raymond Carr — Historian Willie Carson - Champion Jockey Bob Champion - Grand National Winner Rosie Cheetham - Publisher Michael Clayton – Editor Bea Cole - Children's Author Susan Cooper – Vicar's Wife Richard Course - Conservationist Humphrey Cragg - Engineer Bob Crumplin – Railway Worker Douglas Cuff - Carpenter Jim Dodsworth – Haulage Contractor Frances Donaldson - Biographer Ted Dunning - Policeman Richard Dunwoody - Jockey

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Challenger orders his generals to the war room for final election assault



NEIL Kinnock will next week call together senior members of the shadow cabinet, national executive and trade unions to draw up a battle plan for the final month before the general election campaign proper gets under way.

As he did in 1987 Mr leader's committee", which traditionally oversees the campaign, well before the election is called. His predecessors used to wait until the starting gun was fired.
The membership of the

committee is never officially announced, and its doings are secret. It is the apex of a pyramid of informal committees which for months, under the chairmanship of Jack Labour's "leader's committee", which reflects all wings of the party, is preparing itself for battle in the months ahead, Philip Webster reports

Cunningham, the camp Morris and John Edmonds. Kinnock has formed his aign's co-ordinator, have For Mr Morris it will be a been quietly plotting the

takes over from Kon 1000 as
It is chosen to reflect the general secretary of the transthe shadow cabinet representing the party in parliament, al secretary of the transport workers' union next March. Mr Edmonds, genering the party in parliament, al secretary of the GMB genthe national executive representation and one of senting the native in the feature of the transport workers' union next senting the party in the country, and the trade unions, who will put up most of the money for the campaign.

The two key union figures

Shadow cabinet members of the committee include Roy on the committee are Bill Hattersley, the deputy leader,

committee in 1987.

baptism of fire; he officially

takes over from Ron Todd as

eral union and one of the most influential figures in the

movement, also sat on the

John Smith, the shadow chancellor, Mr Cunningham, Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary and campaign chief at the last election.

From the national executive Mr Kinnock has chosen, among others, John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, and Jo Richardson, spokesman on women's rights. Both are also members of the shadow cabinet. Surprise has been voiced among some Labour MPs

that Gordon Brown, the shadow trade secretary, and Tony Blair, the shadow employment secretary, two of the party's fastest rising stars, are not on the committee. Both of them, however, are known to be relaxed about it. Mr Kinnock wanted to keep the size of the committee within bounds and there were limited places.

Any suggestions that Mr Blair and Mr Brown are being squeezed out are wide of the mark. Both have already been earmarked for high-profile roles during the

Mr Brown, it is understood, is a member of the key group that meets every Monday morning to draw up the strategy for the week ahead. Chaired by Mr Cunningham. it is usually attended by Mr Hattersley, Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, Bryan Gould, and key party officials such as David Hill,

the communications director, and representatives from Mr Kinnock's Commons office.

Each day there are smaller meetings, usually in Mr Cunningham's office, attended by Mr Hill, Philip Gould, who heads the shadow communications agency, which coordinates party research, polling and advertising activities, and the shadow ministers involved in the day's

campaigning launches. Mr Cunningham also chairs another committee that is engaged purely on tactics for the election campaign itself, and there are subgroups developing the party's strategy for London, and co-ordinating the fight for marginal seats. Their

Kinnock's committee.

Mr Cunningham has been engaged on election planning from the time he was appointed campaign co-ordinator well over two years ago. According to insiders the machine is well-oiled, having aiready been cranked up twice for possible elections last June and in November.

Labour's strategy has been based throughout on trying to close down John Major's options as they arise. But when they meet in the shadow cabinet room next week the members of the leader's committee will be working, like virtually everyone else at Westminster. on the expectation that April

Opposition attacks lack of funding for new employment plans

Tories welcome workplace reform

tection afforded to employees

GOVERNMENT plans an- modest extension of the pronounced yesterday for the re-form of employment law and training practice were hailed by Michael Howard, the employment secretary, as creat-ing new "ladders of oppor-tunity" starting at school and continuing through life. Ministers are seeking to

present the white paper People, Jobs and Opportunity, as Britain's answer to the EC social charter. But Tony Blair, Labour's employment spokesman, condemned the lack of new spending promised to back up the plans: "The only jobs Mr Howard and his colleagues are interested in saving in the coming weeks are their own jobs at the general election. Like so much else in the last 13 years, they will fail in that too."

Conservative MPs were admitting that the white paper was a clear electioneering exercise and Tory supporters offered only limited backing as Mr Howard was ques-tioned on his Commons

The white paper marks a further government effort to promote the substition of in-dividual contracts for collec-tive bargaining, but Mr Blair criticised its "anti-poaching" provisions as weak. The white posals designed to limit trade union power and encourage individuals to "negotiate" directly with their employers. It is intended to promote the development of a highly trained, flexible workforce, responsive to local variations in pay and conditions. The government plans a

The incidents were not re-lated, but Francis Maude, financial secretary

to the Treasury, was unable yesterday to attend a press conference at which he was

to announce to eight million

grateful "customers" that in

future their taxes will be col-

lected, if not with a smile,

then in a more efficient and

Mr Maude was trapped inside the Treasury in

Whitehall because of a sec-

urity alert and was unable to

travel the mile or so to Som-

erset House where he was

due to outline the latest

manifestation of John Ma-

Had he been able to make

the journey, he would have said: "People don't expect to

love the Inland Revenue.

But the collection of tax is

an uncomfortable necessity.

All the more reason for it to

be done well. There was more good news. He would have added: "That doesn't

mean squeezing every last penny out of the taxpayer. It

does mean, as the Taxpay-

er's Charter says, that tax-payers are entitled to expect

the Inland Revenue to collect the right amount of tax in a fair, helpful, efficient

In spite of the new mood of "glasnost" sweeping the

country, Mr Maude, or his

speechwriter, continued in a

vein which had about it ech-

oes of the Somme. Referring

to his employees he said:

"Already, all frontline staff

wear name badges, identify themselves on the telephone

and sign their own letters."
As part of the process, the

department's 800 (sic) main

customer forms are being

assessed to see how easy

they are to complete, how

they inter-relate with each

other and whether any can

and accountable way."

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by personal contracts. The white paper provides for employees to be able to enforce contractual severance terms through an industrial tribunai rather than the civil courts, saving both time and The government is also

seeking suggestions about how best it can promote legally enforceable contracts between employees and employers on training. However, many personnel managers believe such contracts, which could give rise to payment of "transier fees" for skilled workers, to be largely un-workable. Mr Blair said that the proposal to reimburse employers should an employee receiving training leave prematurely had been "kicking around for years" but had been rejected because people left jobs to seek promotion or for family reasons.

Mr Howard also plans to implement a European Commission directive requiring everyone employed for more than eight hours a week to receive a contract.

Most of the changes represent little more than finetuning of the existing strategy, however. Nor will they cost the much money. Mr Howard said the most significant new proposal was a scheme to introduce credits which would enable workers to buy careers guidance and counselling about training.

The scheme, to be administered by selected Training and Enterprise Councils

be done away with. One of

the main changes will be a redesigned and simplified general tax return form for issue in 1993. This is the

principal tax form most

people receive and the one

which the majority consider so baffling they never com-

Mr Maude had also

planned to say: Taxpayers are entitled to know where they stand. They should be able to get answers to ques-

tions. They are entitled to have letters answered fully and promptly. They should

know who to complain to if things go wrong. And they shouldn't have to fight their

way through labyrinthine forms and delphic leaflets."

Mr Maude, from his press release, said the

latest measures would in-

volve a target time of 28 days for tax staff to reply to

customers' letters. He aims

to improve the quality and

effectiveness of replies and

to test the demand for more

flexible opening hours of tax

enquiry centres by trying,

from April, early morning

and evening opening in 17

Also from April, there will

be named customer service

managers in each of 34 reve-

nue executive offices which

are being established. To

complete customer satisfac-

tion, the revenue's extensive

range of leaflets will be col-

our coded to make them

more attractive to read.

Teach-yourself tax videos

will also be available for

people running small

Sadly, Mr Maude has dis-

counted any suggestion of

taxpayers being able to claim a rebate if the tax

charter does not live up to

plete in time.

A smile on the face

of your caring,

sharing taxman



over from a recent green paper, which strike at trade union power. Users of a pub-lic service would be enabled to take legal action against unlawful disruption caused by industrial action. The government also plans to assist people to become members of the trade union of their choice, to compel union leaders to publish details of their salaries, and prevent abuse of the "check-off" arrangements under which union subscriptions are deducted from

workers' pay. Labour MPs scorned Mr Howard when he admitted there would no "new" money for the initiative, which would be funded out of the existing employment- department ger He s two years of the "skill check" initiative would be £25 million, while the pilot scheme for vouchers for the unemployed would be £3 million.
"We shall make the neces-

sary funds available. I shall be discussing in due course with David Mellor, chief secretary to the Treasury, exactly



Howard: praising "ladders of opportunity"

found," he said. In electioneering question

where the money is to be

time exchanges earlier, Eric Forth, the junior employment minister, claimed that flying pickets and violent protests could return under a Labour government. He said chaotic scenes such as those during

the 1984 miners' strike had been stopped by the government's "commonsense" policies. Only 765,000 working days had been lost to industrial action over the 12 months to November 1991, the lowest figure for 70 years. People, Jobs and Opportunity, HMSO, £8.60.

Kinnock calls for action to halt job losses

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

NEIL Kinnock last night wrote to the prime minister demanding "direct action" to curb rising unemployment, while Conservative MPs exploited the government's increase for teachers' pay to criticise Labour's tax policies.

Following the announcement of heavy redundancies by the Gateway supermarket chain, Mr Kinnock urged the government to provide incentives for manufacturers to bring forward investment as the CBI had urged. He also wanted them to begin a phased release of local authority capital assets to combat the severe recession in construction industries. The government should not, he said, continue to depend solely on an upswing in consumption which was not yet perceptible and which would not prevent unemployment continuing to rise for some months to come even when it did materialise.

In the Commons, on the prompting of Tory MP Andrew Mackay (Berkshire East), John Major confirmed to MPs that more than 120,000 teachers were already earning more than the £20,280 a year ceiling for national insurance contributions which Labour intends to

The government believed. British companies.

KENNETH Clarke yesterday

sought to reassure MPs that

adult education courses

would not be affected by

changes in the provision of

higher and further education

which he is putting forward.

There was no threat to the

secretary said that local au-

thorities would continue to be

responsible for adult educa-

tion. The level of fees and the

range of courses would be

Classes for adults

safe, MPs are told

By Our Parliamentary Staff

he said, that at least an extra 50,000 would fall into that category following its acceptance in full of this year's public sector pay awards. Conservatives, he emphasised, had no plans to raise the national insurance contributions ceiling.

In further exchanges the prime minister said: "We believe that excess taxation is iniquitous when we are seeking to encourage people both to save and invest in our

Questioned by Robert Sheldon, the former Labour Treasury minister who sits for Ashton-under-Lyme, about the government's degree of responsibility for the growing number of failed companies, Mr Major was less forthcoming. He replied: "As you know, the essential basics to make sure things are right are to keep inflation down, keep interest rates down, have the right tax structures and continue with the improvements in industrial relations we have had in recent years."

He insisted that the CBI was opposed absolutely to Labour's proposals on tax changes, a minimum wage and trade union laws. "Each of those policies would be deadly for the future of British industry. British jobs and

matters for the local educa-

tion authority. They would

receive funds to enable them

to carry out their duty to

provide adult courses. The

level of subsidy would be a

The bill removes colleges of

further and higher education

from local government con-

trol, with their funds being

cil. Mr Clarke emphasised

that the polytechnics had thrived since they had

changed to this system a few

He said that young people

would need to be better edu-

cated and trained to be able

to face up to the demands of

modern life. This meant pro-

viding a wider range of fur-ther education opportunities, and this the bill would do.

There had to be a more

diverse range of institutions

and colleges to provide a wid-

er range of academic and vocational courses without any diminution of standards.

Mr Clarke envisaged up to 90

per cent of all young people

attending some type of

The bill also allows poly-

technics to call themselves

universities, and Mr Clarke

said that if they changed their

for a weekly act of worship.

provided by a funding coun-

matter for the authority.

AROUND THE LOBBY

Delay over governor for colony

Hong Kong is unlikely to be appointed until after the general election, the Earl of Caithness, a foreign office minister, said in the Lords.

Lord MacLehose of Beoch, who was governor of the colony from 1971 to 1982, said the present was not a good time for the appointment, throwing in a new element of uncertainty and misunderstanding when they had just got back on the rails after the mass killings in Tiananmen Square, Peking, in June 1989.

Estate cash

The estate action prothe £1 billion mark, Tim Yeo, an environment minister, said when he announced the allocation of a further £16 million. The total has been allocated to or earmarked for about 1,000 schemes in the government's programme for the worst rundown council housing estates. In the next financial year the budget for the promillion.

The attainment of peace in Angola has opened the prospect of a more substantial aid involvement. Lynda Chalker, the overseas aid minister, said in a written reply. Present British plans include help for forthcoming elections and for resettlement of refugees, displaced persons and ex-combatants: and continued help with teaching English.

Schools limit

The transport department is to conduct trials with 20mph speed limits outside schools at times when children are arriving or leaving, Christopher Chope, the roads and traffic minister, said in a

Aid continues

The government is to continue with aid projects in Indonesia already agreed, despite the East Timor shootings last November, Lynda Chalker, overseas aid minister, said in a written reply.

Under review

Wages councils have no permanent place in the labour market and their operation remains under review, Eric Forth, an employment minister, said in a witten reply.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and industry.

Consolidated Fund Bill when a variety of topics can be raised. Museums and

Scottish economy.

names he hoped they would retain their existing ethos. He accepted changes to the bill made when the govern-Galleries Bill, second ment was defeated in the reading. Lords (2.30): Debates Lords. One change is to ensure the provision of religious on weapons of mass deeducation in sixth form colstruction and on the leges, and another provides

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existing pattern of adult nongood government could come about only through far-reachtem of government itself." political system. vocational education, he told To endorse the party's com-Mr Ashdown, who has the Commons. made reform of the voting mitment to constitutional re-Moving the second reading form, three of his MPs, system a pre-condition for of the Higher and Further Education Bill, the education

day on convincing voters that ing political reforms.

Launching a Good Gov-ernment Guide the Liberal Democrat leader said he recognised the risks from his strategy but believed there was a far greater prize to be won. "More and more people are now coming to under-

PADDY Ashdown staked his stand that Britain's weakness general election hopes yesteris the fault not just of those in government, but of the sys-

Ashdown goes for the PR prize

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

Menzies Campbell, Robert Madennan and Jim Wallace, are promoting bills advocating home rule for Scotland, a proportional representation system of voting and a Bill of Rights.

Today's party political broadcast will also be devoted to the need to change the

> dealing with a minority government after the general election, said yesterday that Britain's problems would not be solved by a change of nameplate on 10 Downing

Labour pledges better deal for women By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT



Ladies' man: Neil Kinnock, with some of his shadow cabinet, launches a women's campaign

NEIL Kinnock yesterday promised a better deal for women under a Labour government. Launching a new magazine spelling out the party's policies for improved benefits for women, Mr Kinnock said that women made up the majority of the population, the majority of carers and the majority of the poor. "This working and caring majority has been neglected by a Tory government that has been and continues to be both indifferent to the real circumstances of women and willing to ignore their great potential." Mr Kinnock said. The party would ensure there was a nursery education place for every three- and four-yearold whose parents wanted it by the year 2000. Hilary Armstrong, Labour's spokesman for childhood services, said that more than 22,000 extra nursery places could be provided in the first year, funded from the £50 million capital switched

leased by making sure that Tory councils did not divert money allocated for underfives to keep poil tax bills down. At least 20 local educa-

programme.

from the city technology

Revenue costs would be re-

fives. If these Tory councils were forced to spend their allocation this would provide 22,930 places, she said. Mr Kinnock, who was

joined on the platform by seven women shadow minis ters, said Labour would ensure that the "enterprise, energy, skill and judgment of women are fully utilised in shaping the future".

The present government had reduced basic employment and benefit rights and cut training opportunities for women, he said. "There is not a single

woman in the cabinet, and the government has refused to adopt any part of the social charter and now the social chapter, which would help to provide decent working conditions for women in

rights to training, backed by a new ministry of women, he

Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, dismissed Labour's proposals as "a string of vague and largely uncosted commitments laced with a sprinkling of lofty sen-

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tion authorities were not spending their full allocation from the standard spending timents, few of which address the real concerns of women."

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The Soviet coup attempt

Jailed plotters offer verse and vitriol

By IGOR BARANOVSKY AND BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

AS ROMANTIC memories of last August fade and nostalgia grows in some quarters for strong, old-fashioned government, the 13 generals, spies and bureaucrats jailed after the coup have grown increasingly bold in the statements they are managing to convey to the public.

In recent days, the disgraced defence minister, Dmitri Yazov — the man who called himself an "old fool" after the rebellion collapsed has thundered forth his disgust at the triumphalist spirit gloating over the Soviet Union's collapse.

In a long, signed article in the hardline daily, Sovetska-

ya Rossiya — the proceeds of which he offers up to the families of Russian soldiers who have been killed in eth-nic wars — Marshal Yazov deplored Washington's refusal to match the Russians' disarmament gestures.

At last weekend's commu-nist rally in Moscow, which heard strident demands for the 13 "political prisoners" to be released, demonstrators queued to buy leaflets of poems from prison by Anatoli Lukyanov, the sleek parlia-mentary chairman and life-long associate of Mikhail Gorbachev: competent if somewhat cliched compositions on such predictable themes as "longing for free-dom" and "human in-gratitude". In one, the silvertongued manipulator of parliamentary procedure sees himself as part of a long line of suffering Russian bards: What a path of martyrdom we have traversed, the war-riors and poets of Russia."

The supreme self-confidence that used to be one of Mr Lukyanov's hallmarks has apparently failed him, according to Aleksandr Shchukin, an investigator with the Russian prosecutor's office who has played a key role in interrogating the conspirators.

In an interview to be published today by Moscow News, Mr Shchukin says it is the parliamentary chairman who has taken confinement hardest, suffering a virtual nervous collapse and speaking in the most vulgar of Moscow street slang. Friends of Mr Lukyanov

have leaked to the Italian daily, La Stampa, a document purporting to be a diary kept by him during the coup which if authentic would suggest that he tried to defuse the situation and restore

democracy.
Mr Shchukin says the most striking thing in Mr Lukyanov's diaries is his fasci-nation with the luxurious conditions in which he was accommodated on foreign

The poet-politician's journal is apparently studded with entries like " ... best with entries like " ... best hotel in Switzerland", " ... excellent wine served by the mayor" and "stayed beside a gorgeous lake" - all testimo-ny to how difficult Mr Lukyanov must be finding

things in jail. According to Mr Shchu-kin, by far the most co-operative of the prisoners is Gennadi Yanayev, the vicepresident, who is remembered by the world for his trembling hands during the conspirators' lamentable press conference.

While insisting that he was roped into the conspiracy only at the last moment, Mr Yanayev is apparently the least bitter of the prisoners and the least inclined to complain about the food and living conditions.

"It is easy and pleasant to work with him," says Mr Shchukin, who goes on to deny the reports by aides to Mr Gorbachev that the vicepresident was dead drunk at the time of his arrest. The lifelong servant of the

an atheist state apparently showed considerable relief at the news that he had not - as he feared - been excommunicated by the Russian Ortho-dox church, which he feared had placed him beyond re-demption until the Orthodox patriarch reassured him.

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Food teams lift Moscow morale

FROM GENEIVE ABDO IN MOSCOW

Cheptsov grinned between bites of a pork chop. "Aid gives us hope that the world has not forgotten about us," he said. Cameras flashed and re-

porters reached for their microphones to catch the words of the elderly Muscovite at the canteen on Lyublinskaya Street. He was one of many people who were taking advantage of the free lunches given by Operation Provide Hope, the American emer-gency airlift to the former Soviet Union. Others, who are more ac-

customed to sitting down to a dour lunch of soup and brown bread, tucked into pork chops, mashed potatoes and vanilla pudding beneath the glare of television cameras. The street canteen is one of 19 in Moscow that have been designated to serve hundreds of thousands of hot meals to invalids, the poor and the elderly as part of the airlift which began on

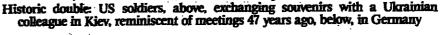
Within two weeks, at least 54 planes carrying food and medicine will land in cities in the Commonwealth of Independent States to help people

who are suffering from severe food shortages, high prices and plummeting living

The airlift is Washington's answer to criticism that it had not done enough to help people in the former Soviet Union. It has been criticised by some people as a publicity stunt. But for Maria Dodporina, aged 64, an invalid who was eating from a small tin of vanilla pudding, the relative merits of the airlift were not important. "I am thankful with all my heart, she said. "I think the food in America is definitely better than it is here."

"If this is capitalism, then let's have more of it," said Mr Cheptsov, who, after eating a big lunch, took his vanilla pudding home for a midnight

snack.
While the Russians ate. American volunteers dressed in neatly-pressed blue uniforms sang folk songs. The Muscovites said they had nev-er seen such friendly faces in a public place. "This is such a surprise for us," said one. "In public canteens, we are used to dealing with hostile people who never smile." (Reuter)





Stasi files surrender grim truth

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BERLIN

WHILE Erich Mielke was recovering in his prison cell yesterday from his first day in court, the victims of the for-mer East German security chief were queuing at the Stasi storage centre in east Berlin to study the files he had sembled about them.

"The court can do nothing which can punish him enough for what he did to me and my country," said Franz Arndt, a teacher who had discovered that one of his best pupils had been reporting about him in return for a promise to get a better education. Two years after his fall from power, Herr Mielke's sinister past continues to intrude into the future of east Germans at every level.

Yesterday in Potsdam, Manfred Stolpe, the Social Democrat prime minister of Brandenburg, held another press conference to explain why he had 1,000 meetings with Stasi agents in the days when he was connected with the Evangelical church lead-ership in the East. He said he was now receiving hundreds of letters of support.

Racist jeers greet roadside birth

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE plight of a Somalian woman who gave birth unassisted beside a road in southern Italy as a crowd stood by and jeered prompted tele-phone calls yesterday of solidarity and job offers.

The indifference shown by

Italians to Fatima Yusif, aged Castelvolturno near Naples on Friday provoked condemnation from across the political spectrum and calls for authorities to introduce legislation to curb the burgeoning racism against immigrants in

Italy.
"I will remember those faces as long as I live," Ms Yusif, who was born in Mog-adishu, told Corriere della Sera as she recovered in hospital from her ordeal. "They were passing by, they would stop and linger as if they were at the cinema careful not to miss any of the show. There was a boy who, sniggering, said, 'Look what the negress is doing"."

First succour was only provided to the immigrant mother when a passing police car stopped half an hour after her baby boy Davide was born. Stasi songbirds, according to II Messaggero.

L&T, page 12 She was taken to a hospital at

Caserta. The baby, weighing less than 5lb, was placed in an incubator. Television reports of the incident brought telephone calls to the hospital

from as far afield as Turin

expressing solidarity with Ms

The semi-official Vatican newspaper, l'Osservatore Roers who jeered were "not worthy of the word man. Now there are many statements of solidarity from every region to try to make her forget and to convince her that humanity has not been extinguished in

the hearts of Italians." Livia Turco, women's affairs spokesperson at the Democratic party of the Left, the former Communist party. said that the episode "throws an obscure and disturbing light on the real level of humanity and civilisation of our

country".

An influx of immigrants from the Maghreb and other parts of Africa has eroded traditional Italian hospitality to foreigners, political experts

say.

Ms Yusif said: "In my country they would have helped a woman who is about to give birth, foreigner or not."

Cresson survives Habash debate

Paris: France's conservative opposition, with one eye on regional elections next month, accused the govern-ment yesterday of undermining the authority of the state over George Habash, the Pal-estinian radical who was allowed into France for hospital treatment in Paris.

Edith Cresson's minority Socialist cabinet survived a no-confidence vote, since the Communist party said it would not support the rightwing motion, reducing the parliamentary debate to an exercise in rhetoric.

Franck Borotra, the conser-vative RPR party spokesman, said the government's decision to punish civil servants for allowing Mr Habash into France while ministers escaped responsibility had cre-ated "a severe crisis of state". M Borotra declared: "You no longer have the authority to govern. It is true there is no majority to overthrow you. but there is no majority to support you either. That is why you did not ask for a vote of confidence."

Five senior officials and the head of the French Red Cross were forced to resign after Mr Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, linked to a string of aircraft hijacks, arrived in Paris on January 29, apparently without ministers' knowledge (Reuter)

Village burnt

Moscow: Armenian guerril-las have attacked and burnt down the Azerbaijani village of Malybeili in the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Kara-bakh, according to television reports. Several people were killed and the village is now cut off. (Reuter)

Gold hunt

Tirana: Investigators in Alba-nia are looking for gold thought to have been hidden by the former communist rulers or sold to finance their expensive lifestyles. A parlia-mentary commission has re-ported that large quantities of gold have vanished. (Reuter)

Madrid strike

Madrid: Hundreds of thousands of people in Madrid struggled to work on foot or through chaotic traffic jams vhen underground workers, unhappy about the progress of negotiations on pay and conditions, joined bus crews on strike. (Reuter)

Orange aid

Rome: Fifteen tonnes of Sicilian oranges have been flown to Minsk for children affected by the 1986 nuclear powerstation disaster at Chernobyl, in Ukraine. Fresh fruit, rare in Belorussia, was requested by the former Soviet repub-lic's government. (Reuter)

Torture arrests

Rome: Naples police said they had discovered a Mafia torture chamber in which a clan boss used Spanish-style garrottes on his own gang members to keep them disciplined. Four people were arrested, including the gang boss's girlfriend. (Reuter)

House of squalor betrays its secrets

PODRIGA state hospital, in the remote Moldavian region of northern Romania, looks impressive from a distance. The nobleman's house with its turrets and stone columns is really a crumbling mass of bricks. The stench of human filth and blocked drains is the first sign of the degrading conditions inside.

There are 87 mentally and physically handi-capped people in Podriga with no running water and hardly any heating during a winter where temperatures drop to minus 15. An annex is worse than a stable block for horses; the stench of urine is matched only by that of human excrement.

Eyes staring bare feet freezing on a slippery cold floor, the patients are among the tens of thousands of handicapped people forgotten by the new government in Romania and left to exist in squalor.

Yesterday Mircea Maiorescu, the Romanian minister of health, admitted his department had no idea of the conditions in these hospitals, especially in remote areas. He promised to carry, out an immediate survey and examine the possibilities of providing basic amenities for the worst cases.

At Podriga he was unaware that young adults are

maintourished and many of

British MPs have been appalled by the fate of Romania's handicapped, Ray Clancy writes from Podriga



Barred from hope: a patient locked in a Podriga cell them look as if they were MP for Bolton Northeast, aged 10 or 12; or that

mixed dormitories are locked at night and the patients suffer sexual abuse. Aid workers at Podriga says the biggest worry is fire. "I have had night-mares that one morning I

will turn up to find a pile of charred remains, said Sophic Thurnham, aged 24, who works at the hospital for the Scottish branch of Romania Project UK. Yesterday her father, Peter Thurnham. Conservative be on the streets," said Yesterday her father, Peter

saw Podriga during a factfinding visit to Romania by the Parliamentary Human Rights Group. He said he was appalled by people being kept like animals."

ing food and clothes sent from abroad. "Things are relatively good here because most of the people are not wanted by their families. If they

He was concerned about

staff who have been steal-

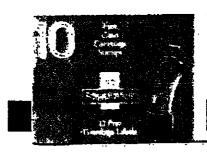
Avram Gheor Ghe, chief doctor of the Botosani health district. He admitted conditions were terri-ble, but said it was a matter for the government. "There are many other problems that have top priority, such as the railway tracks."

One of the most disturbing aspects about Podriga

and many other institu-tions in Romania is that the system appears to be getting worse. Without a prop-er administrators' struc-

ture, nothing gets done.
Anthony Coombes, secretary of the parliamentary group and Conservative MP for Wyre Forest, said the most upon a property of the most upon a property or the most upon a prope Romania was motivating staff. After visiting a psychiatric hospital at Poroschia, south of Bucharest, he was appailed by the attitude of senior managers. With 36 staff and five doctors caring for 97 patients, there was "no excuse for the place looking like the black hole of Calcutta". He told the minister of health that Britain would like to help to improve psychiatric care in Romania. But the only way to tackle this is from the top. By en-suring that there is a system of independent inspections every six months so that we do not have the misery that is present

now," said Mr Coombes.



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Baddest man around is left to fight personal demons



Givens: humiliated

IF IRON Mike Tyson, the street mugger from Brooklyn who soared to the summit of the sports world and crashed in an Indianapolis court, is ever to return to the professional ring, he will have to defeat a host of inner demons which were always destined to destroy him, his friends and admirers said

yesterday. The conviction on rape charges of the world's youngest heavyweight champion was no bolt from the blue for a boxer who revelled in his reputation as the "baddest" man around. Trouble had dogged him since his early years when, the child of an alcoholic mother, he roamed the New York streets as a mugger who used his extraordinary gift for fighting to fend off jibes about his thin, girlish voice. As the world yesterday observed the tragedy of the 25-year-old

porters saw him as a victim of a money-mad sports machine which groomed him for glory while neglecting his inner turmoil.

Others saw him as a martyr to a "white system" intent on bringing down black

"Mike is in an intense state of denial," said Montieth Illingworth, the author of his biography, after he watched a dazed-looking Tyson roar away in his motorcade of timousines from the Indiana courthouse. Cus d'Amato, the late pro-

moter who extracted the 13year-old Tyson from reform school and taught him to box, had "never dealt with his problems, his troubles with women", said Mr Illingworth, contradicting the conventional wisdom that Tyson was cast morally. adrift by the death of his

Mike Tyson, champion boxer turned convicted rapist, is on the brink of the end of his career, was he the villain or a victim? Charles Bremner investigates

would be to shed his current entourage; men such as Don King, the promoter, who were "part of his problem". said Mr Illingworth. George Foreman, the former champion and a man who has been worrying about Tyson in public for years, agreed that his best hope would be "to surround himself with a

different group". The verdict of the Indianapolis jury amounted to a stunning "reality check", to use the vogue expression, for a boy who had acquired unimaginable wealth and celebrity before the age of 21, but had never grown up.

This flaw led him not only

debauchery and fist-fights, but to help himself to any woman who took his fancy. "I like to hurt women when I make love to them," he told Jose Torres, another biographer, in a much-publicised remark. "I like to hear them scream with pain, to see them bleed."

Others see in Tyson's destructive trail of fights and assaults on women, all of which were smoothed over until the Indianapolis case, a lesson about the cruelty of the modern celebrity machine, Boxers had often fallen foul of the law and some, like Carlos Monzon, the former middleweight champion, had even been convicted of

had ever made it to the top with such a pattern of antisocial behaviour as Michael Gerard Tyson.

in earlier times, heroes of the "noble art" were revered for their civility out of the ring. Floyd Patterson, a ghetto child like Tyson, could walk away from a drunk who punched him in the nose saying his fists were only for the ring. Tyson was different because he was adored as a vicious fighter with barely a redeeming quality; a living "iethal weapon". a survivor of the mean streets and model for the new pop culture in which only hight is right.

If he had not found salva-tion through boxing, he was certain, he once said, that he would die violently or in jail. Many tried to find another explanation other than violence behind the undeniable magic which Tyson wrought on the public, a power which

was to earn him a minimum of \$15 million (£8.2 million) from a forthcoming challenge, now abandoned, to Evander Holyfield, the man who holds his old title.

Tyson was really an intensely shy boy, they said. His disarming grin and tiny voice were evidence, it was said, not of cunning but of a gentle creature behind the machine-gun punches and the devastating hooks which wrought a trail of devastating knockouts in 40 professional victories with only a single defeat.

Even that loss, at the

hands of Buster Douglas two years ago to the day, was blamed on his gullibility at the hands of scheming women. He nad been brought down, supporters said, by the machinations of Robin Givens, the actress who married him with a declaration of pregnancy in 1987, humiliated him by

depressive on national television and then, after a few months of marriage, won more than \$10 million in a divorce settlement. Tyson has undoubtedly played the role of dupe, most notably in the case of a Los Angeles woman who extracted thousands of dollars in child support payments from him until a court-ordered genetic test proved the child was not

The court in Indianapolis chose to believe only the version of Tyson the thug, an image reinforced, amazingly, by his own lawyer when he decided to depict his client to the jury as a primitive animal with the courtship manners of a caveman.

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White House officials admit to campaign disarray

1996 candidates 'put the skids under Bush'

TODAY George Bush will make the announcement that nobody has been waiting for - his decision to seek a second term as President of the

United States. For months he has been campaigning to keep his job both in and out of New Hampshire, the state where the nation's first primary takes place next Tuesday. He has bought socks at shopping malls, breakfast at roadside cases, beers in bars, and done many other things that a leader of the free world does not do when he is merely winning a Gulf war.

Most of this has been to no avail. His time on the mad has disclosed more weaknesses than strengths. High hopes

THE following calendar of events lists the date, followed by

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February 18: New Hamoshire

February 23: Maine caucus 30-22

February 25: South Dakota primary 20-19

March 3: Colorado primary

Georgia primary 88-52 Idaho caucus 24-22

Maryland primary 80-42

Washington caucus (Dem) and primary (Rep) 80-35

March 5-19: North Dakota

March 7: Arizona caucus 47-

South Carolina primary 50-

March 8: Nevada caucus 23-

March 10 ("Super Tuesday"): Delawure caucus 19-19

Wyoming caucus 19-20

Minnesota caucus 87-32

Utah caucus 28-27

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have thus fallen even upon the formal statement that he will make today at the Washington J.W. Marriott Hotel. The White House team is

readily admit, in poor shape: "inchoate on a good day, chaotic on a bad day", as one put it. The president is under pressure from an eloquent conservative opponent, Patrick Buchanan, whose campaign has done enough to continue after New Hampshire votes, virtually whatever

Mr Bush seems to have no stock of rhetorical ammunition to fire back. With a prepared speech in his hand the president too often sounds like an automaton. Without a

THE RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Dates of primaries and caucuses for the presidential election campaign

Florida primary 160-97

Hawaii caucus 26-14 Louisiana primary 69-38 Massachusetts primary 106-

Mississippi primary 44-33 Missouri caucus 86-47

Oklahoma primary 53-34 Rhode Island primary 28-15 Tennessee primary 77-45

Texas primary 214-121

March 15: Puerto Rico

March 17: Illinois primary

183-85 Michigan primary 148-72

March 31: Vermont caucus

April 2: Alaska caucus 18-19

April 7: Kansas primary 42-30

New York primary 268-100 Wisconsin primary 91-35

April II: Virginia caucus 92-

May 5: District of Columbia

Indiana primary 87-51 North Carolina primary 93-

April 28: Pennsylvania primary 188-91

primary 30-14

March 24: Connecticut

primary 57-14

text, he sometimes seems so deranged that correspondents have reached for their medical dictionaries. His State of the Union address benefited from some lastminute patina applied by Peggy Noonan, the former Reagan speechwriter. However, she is reported as being unwilling to return full time

Optimists in the White House, led by Samuel Skin-ner, the new chief of staff, say that a recent reorganisation will cure these problems. "We have had a lot to do in four weeks," was Mr Skinner's reply to weekend charges of his arrogance, disorganization The man who gets the

Ohio primary 167-83

May 12: Nebraska primary 31-24

West Virginia primary 39-18

May 19: Oregon primary 53-

May 26: Arkansas primary 43-27

Kentucky primary 61-35

June 2: Alabama primary 62-

California primary 383-201

Montana primary 22-20 New Jersey primary 117-60 New Mexico primary 33-25

Total number of Democratic

delegates to be chosen, including 12 from US territories, nine

for Democrats abroad and 265

The Democratic convention is held from July 13-17 in New

Total number of Republican delegates to be chosen including 12 for Republicans abroad is 2,209. The Republican

ion is held from

The traditional opening of the

presidential campaign is Labor Day, September 7. Election

day is November 3.

superdelegates", is 4,287.

blame from the new regime is John Sununu, the former chief of staff, who until he was pushed out before Christmas tried to do every job in the building and whose reluc-tance to relinquish power was an insuperable bar to beginning the re-election attempt. Mr Sununu, it is charged stopped the president getting the economic bad news last autumn, encouraged complacency and made the president seem more out of touch than he needed to be. Mr Skinner's own manage-

ment continues, however, to come under heavy "friendly fire". He has brought in Clayton Yeutter, the former Republican party chairman, as a domestic policy chief. He hopes thereby to still conservative complaints about the moderate influence of Nicholas Brady, the Treasury secretary, and Richard Darman, the budget director. But Messrs Darman and Brady are. still in power and at least as ready, it seems, to fight Mr Yeutter as to take on Buchanans or Democrats.

Discipline is slack. Jack Kemp, the housing secretary. said last week that the state of the union address was full of gimmicks, a direct challenge to the president's own claim that the Democrats were the gimmick-mongers. As one extant put it yesterday, the White House has too many "candidates" (Mr Kemp, James Baker, Richard Cheney among other hopefuls for 1996) and too few "politi-cians" prepared to do the hard job of winning this year. The best weapons in Mr Bush's armoury are the usual ones: disarray among the Democrats and the belief in the White House that the economy will soon be growing again.

President Bush goes to New Hampshire after his announcement speech today. He will host small meetings with voters, and pursue support on street corners. But he is prone to gaffes such as pulling out a huge wad of dollar bills to buy a breakfast for lorry drivers and saying "i'm loaded". Last week, at a grocers' convention, he was reported making excited cooments on the futuristic wonders of electronic supermarket scanners, a technology which, as the New York Times pointed out, has been known to americans who do their own shopping for more than a decade. The White House said it was a new kind



uncontested caucus victory, giving him a fleeting lead in the Democratic presidential nomination race

Democrat front-runner tumbles in primary polls

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

TOM Harkin, a senator from Iowa, won a huge although largely meaningless victory when his home state kicked off the 1992 presidential elections with party caucuses on Monday night. A more significant development in the presidential race came nearly 1,000 miles away in New Hampshire, where polls for the first time put Paul Tson-gas ahead of Bill Chnton, the Democrats' troubled front-

A Gallup poll for Cable News Network and USA Today revealed that Mr Clinton, battered by allegations of adultery and draft dodging, has fallen 11 points in four days to 26 per cent. Mr Tsongas, on the other hand, with his austere economic prescriptions, has jumped nine

points to 33 per cent. The trend was confirmed by another poll, for The Bos-ton Globe, which showed Mr Tsongas. a former Massachusetts senator, two points ahead of Mr Clinton with 26 per cent. A third poll, for a New Hampshire television station, put Mr Tsongas first with 28 per cent, but also Leading article, page 13 showed 42 per cent of the

state's Democrats still undecided on a candidate. A week before New Hampshire's primary, these poll results pose a real dilemma for

Democrats. The party had rallied early behind Mr Clinton because of his "electability", but that has now been badly undermined. Mr Tsongas's message is appealing, but he has no organisation outside his native New Eng-land and is widely regarded as unelectable. The other three candidates have singularly failed to impress.



Cuomo: may still be fured into the race

Speculation that Mario Cuomo, New York's governor, could yet be lured into the race is growing, and a "write-in" campaign on his behalf in New Hampshire is

In Iowa, Mr Harkin won

gathering momentum.

with approximately 77 per cent of the delegates selected, easily beating the previous record of 59 per cent obtained by Jimmy Carter against Edward Kennedy in 1980. But the voting system was heavily weighted in his favour and no other candidate had bothered campaigning on their rival's territory. Barely 25,000 Democrats voted; 120,000 did so in

Mr Tsongas came a morale-boosting second, albeit with just 4 per cent. The only real loser was Bob Kerrey with 2.2 per cent. He trailed fourth after Mr Clinton despite the regional advantage of being the senator from neighbouring Nebraska. Jerry Brown, the fifth Democratic contender, won just 1.5 per cent of the delegates. Iowa sends 57 delegates to the party convention in July.

UN seeks green barter'

Cartagena, Colombia: A United Nations body has proposed tackling global warming through a system of trading emission permits between rich and poor nations. Under the scheme, developing countries would be grant-ed more permits than they needed while industrial countries would receive fewer.

In another move President Collor de Mello of Brazil led an appeal by eight South American nations for help from the West to preserve the world's largest tract of tropical forest. (Reuter)

Forced exit

Hong Kong: Thirty-six Vietnamese boat people were due to be flown home early today in the first forced deportation from Hong Kong since last week's riot in the colony's crowded Sek Kong detention centre, in which 23 north Vietnamese died in a fire.

Army reforms

Caracas: President Pérez announced a reorganisation of the Venezuelan army, a week after rebel troops tried to overthrow him. He said that changes, which include the high command, were aimed exclusively at improving army operations. (AFP)

Science applied

Tucson, Arizona: A panel of scientists has been chosen to review Biosphere 2, the project which has been accused by critics of cheating in its attempts to create a selfcontained world that can produce its own food, air and water under glass. (AP)

Re-trial sought Rio de Janeiro: Two ranciiers convicted of killing the Brazilian rainforest defender. Chico Mendes, are appealing for a re-trial because two jurors had told newspapers they thought Darly Alves da Silva and his son, Darci Alves

Salvador rebels emerge from wilderness claiming victory realistic enough to see the inadvisability of trying to into the hills.

the far edge of Los Maza-riegos. René Quintebos is stapling together copies of the United Nations peace plan for El Salvador for distribution to local guerrillas.

They venture out from their vantage points in the surrounding wilderness to collect the minutiae of a peace deal signed by their leaders in the left-wing FMLN (Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front) and the right-wing govern-ment after negotiations lasting 20 months and

agreed this month. Force of habit makes Senor Quintebos, a guerrilla for the past 12 years, flick a and then, above which two vultures circle inauspiciously. There is scant activity in Los Mazariegos, apart from thescrawny hens and pigs competing to scratch a meal from the dust.

The village presents a scene of sun-baked torpor. Until recently, however, it was the scene of some of the worst butchery that raged in the Suchitoto region, 35 miles north of San Salvador. the capital.

In common with thousands of rebels throughout the country, Senor Ouintebos is preparing to give in his Kalashnikov at one of the United NationsEl Salvador's guerrillas, pleased with promises of land reform, prepare to lay down their arms, Anne McElvoy writes from Los Mazariegos

supervised depots in the coming weeks and return to civilian life. He is in charge of the resettlement of 125 families who fled the area to escape the fighting. The men and teenage boys still wear the red-and-white scarves of the front, a symptom of a culture and identity that has grown up around the conflict and whose divisions will long mark El

The returned families shelter from the blazing sun under canvas propped up on bamboo poles: none of their homes is left standing. The women queue for clean water from a single standpipe. Food is provided by an American church charity agriculture has been wrecked by the scorchedearth policy pursued by government forces as they tried to force the guerrillas back

Señor Quintebos exchanged his combat fatigues for jeans and T-shirt last week and does not hide his delight at the end of the war. He summarises the pleasures of peace succinctly: "More freedom, less fear and tranquillity at last." During the war he was able to see his wife and children only twice a year after she, with most of the women. fled to San Salvador.

Apart from war weariness, the main reason for the front's readiness to embrace peace is the perception that the armistice represents a victory for its cause. The right-wing gov-

ernment of President Cristiani has had to agree concessions on land reform. including a clause limiting the amount of land any individual may own which is contested by the powerful coffee growers.

Former rebels will be allowed to join the peace force that is to replace the paramilitary security forces linked to the infamous death squads. The army of 70,000 will be halved and the government has promised to set up a commission to investigatés human

rights abuses. Despite opposition to the settlement from the extreme

continue the war as American support rapidly seeped away. The Reagan adminis-tration committed America to funding the war when it sought to draw the line against the spread of Soviet influence in its "backyard" in 1980 and poured \$4 bil-lion (£2.2 billion) in aid into the country.

Atrocities and the realisa-

tion that the war against the front could not be won militarily weakened Congress's enthusiasm for such unrewarded philanthropy. The collapse of the Soviet threat

March to Indian border

Kashmiris forced back by tear gas

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN MUZAFFARABAD

of Pakistani-controlled "Azad" (free) Kashmir, was

blocked by large numbers of mud and rock slides created

by government engineers us-

ing explosives. Vehicles were

forced to stop. Ten thousand people clambered over the

barriers and continued their

journey on foot, cleaning out a few villages of food as they passed through. As night fell 5,000 of them were still bent

on continuing to the border

village of Chokothi, 30 miles

from Muzaffarabad. There,

large numbers of troops and

Qayyum, prime minister of

the nominally independent

government of Azad Kash-

mir, said that, after a long

day of marching, a night in the cold and possible confron-

tations today with the police and army, the protesters

would be in no spirit to launch a determined attempt

to cross into India. Mr Qayyum, who flew by helicop-

ter along the line of control

dividing Kashmir, said attempts to enter India were

made at four or five points. Amanullah Khan, aged 57,

leader of the Jammu and

Kashmir Liberation Front, organising the march as part

of its fight for a reunited, independent Kashmir, free of

both Pakistan and India, rode as far as he could in a

Jeep, then started walking.

He said he was still determined to cross into India. The Pakistan government

is deeply embarrassed. Its re-

sistance to the resurgence of Kashmiri nationalism makes

a mockery of its condemna-tion of India's similar pos-

ition on the other side of the border. One repercussion

could be a decision to end support for the uprising in the

Kashmir valley to prevent a breakaway movement

spreading in Azad Kashmir.

• Delhi: Indians of varying

political loyalties staged anti-Pakistan demonstrations here yesterday, burning

Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister, in effigy and denounc-

ing his alleged support for

In Chandigarh, leaders of a

Sikh religious organisation

were arrested yesterday after

urging a boycott of next

week's elections in the Indian

state of Punjab. (AFP, Reuter)

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police await them. Mohammad

PAKISTANI troops using from Muzaffarabad, capital tear gas drove back hundreds of Pakistani-controlled of Kashmiris attempting to cross into India yesterday while Indian soldiers, under orders to shoot anybody crossing the border, watched

from concealed positions.

Another much larger wave of Kashmiris heading for the border spent last night camped in the mountains in sub-zero temperatures, without food or blankers, after they were prevented by the Pakistani authorities from getting close to the dividing line. They will try to reach the border today. The narrow mountain road.

Rebels take

hostages in mosque

FROM ALFRED HERMIDA IN TUNIS

A GROUP of Algerian ex-tremists, who killed two policemen, fled into a mosque and took worshippers hostage as police surrounded them at Bordj Menaiel, to the east of Algiers. Seven police officers have been killed in Algiers by another gang of Muslim extremists believed to be hiding

in the old part of the city.

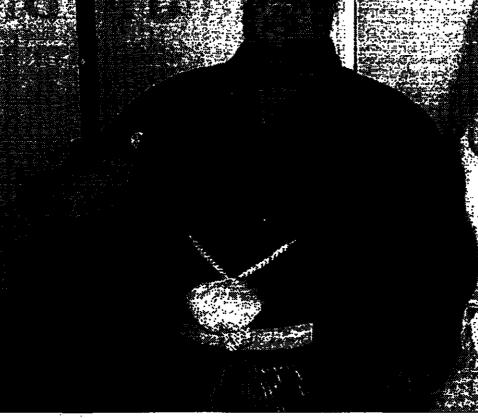
The authorities said that the attackers, who were armed with automatic rifles, were a group of Islamic militants who had fought in the war in Afghan<u>istan.</u>

Algeria's military-backed rulers now fear a wave of terrorist attacks by Muslim extremists following the nine police deaths. In an effort to curb the violence, hundreds of Islamic fundamentalists have been arrested in the past 24 hours. Among the arrests were members of an Islamic extremist group calling itself Believers in the Faith, which

holy war. The authorities have emphasised that they are determined to restore the rule of law. In an address to the nation on Monday night. Muhammad Boudiaf, the head of state, said that his government would not shy away from taking any action necessary to maintain public

A state of emergency was imposed on Sunday evening, giving the authorities sweeping powers of arrest and detention, and Mr Boudiaf accused the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front of refusing the offer of dialogue.

The front was leading in the election and was expected to win on the second round of voting, until polling was can-



Ring of romance: Konishiki, aged 28, a champion heavyweight sumo wrestler, and his bride Sumika Shioda. aged 27, a former fashion model from Hokkaido island, after their Protestant wedding in Tokyo yesterday. Konishiki, an American from Hawaii

whose real name is Salevaa Atisanoe, has been nicknamed "Dump Truck". At 576lb, he is the heaviest sumo wrestler of modern times and reportedly five times heavier than his bride. President Bush sent him a congratulatory telegram. Asked at a press con-

ference how many children they would have, Konishiki replied that they would let nature take its course. The wrestler, who has been ill, repeatedly mopped his brow and cooled himself with a paper fan. The couple met in 1987. (Reuter)

Branson to keep his feet on the ground

Richard Branson says he is dropping his Peter Pan image at 41. He will not be taking part in the Virgin Earthwinds round-the-world balloon trip that sets out from Akron, Ohio, next week because his father has told him it is time he grows up and faces the risks.

A lawyer for New Kids on the Block has filed a slander suit against a former producer who claimed that the pop group did no more than 20 per cent of the singing on their records. Last week, a Chicago fan sued the New Kids for \$75 million (E41 million), claiming they had defrauded consumers.

John Tate, who won the world heavyweight boxing championship when he defeated Gerrie Coetzee in 1979, has been charged with breaking a man's jaw and stealing about £8 during a robbery in Tennessee.

The Irish group U2 is to tour North America from the end of this month, giving 32 concens in 31 cities. The band's first such tour since 1987

Baby and single Mysterious Ways top the American charts. The Boston band The Pixies will support them.

Elizabeth Taylor is to cele-brate her 60th birthday with an extravaganza for a thousand guests at Disneyland in California. The party, on February 27, is being organised by her husband, Larry Fortensky, and a group of friends.

The former Indonesian first lady, **Dewi Sukarno**, is to be tried for allegedly stabbing a New York socialite in the face with a champagne glass during a party in Aspen, Colora-do, last month. The fight is said to have broken out when Victoria Osmena, granddaughter of a former Philippines president, called the former first lady a whore.

The Prince of Wales has been elected to the French academy of moral and political sciences in recognition of his outstanding contribution to cultural affairs. The citation praised his "written and oral interventions in various essential areas."

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Mao's music gets karaoke touch When Chairman Mao said that revolution away from love songs being imported from Taiwan and Hong Kong. The Commu-nist party decided that the imported music had no moral backbone, and that

was not a tea party. he might have felt it unnecessary to add that it was nothing to do with karaoke either. But in nightclubs throughout China, young people are singing and dancing to revolutionary songs which have been dusted down and brought up to date with a rock and roll beat.

Parents given to the oc-casional nostalgic rendition of The East is Red. or the emotional ballad Unity above All may be surprised to find their offspring humming the same tunes after a late night out at the local karaoke spot.

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Artistically, the results of the hybrid revolutionary rock are disastrous, creating a hitherto unknown form of heavy metal with surreal lyrics. But that does not seem to be worrying Chinese youth, and artistic disasters have never worried the Communist lead-ership. What does concern the leadership is whether the dancers are singing along with their tongues firmly in their cheeks or whether their souls have genuinely been imbued with revolutionary spirit.

Communist officials introduced maoist karaoke tapes into China's nightclubs last year in an attempt to lure young people the videos which accompanied the songs would corrupt socialist youth.

veteran ideologue, Deng Liqun, have revelled in the success of the maoist revival, calling it healthy and progressive. But yesterday a Shanghai newspaper. Liberation Daily, dared to suggest that maybe young people were in fact engaging in that popular youth-ful pastime, mockery of themselves and of Chinese politics.

n January, shops in the Leastern province of Anhui sold a hundred thousand copies of Mao's portrait. The official Xinhua news agency said this was because residents of Anhui, which was struck by floods last summer, were grateful to the Communist party for helping them recover from the disaster. Many peasants worship Mao portraits.

One man who will not be amused by the Maoist revival is Deng Xiaoping. aged 87, the senior leader spent years in the early 1980s persuading the Chinese that the late chairman was a good chap, but far from godlike.

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All roads lead to internment

Jailing godfathers of both sides would

heal Ulster, says Conor Cruise O'Brien

ohn Major has done well to show his personal concern for Northern Ireland at a time when the whole population of the province is living in fear after two political-sectarian massacres in quick succession: last month's killing of the eight Protestant building workers by the IRA and last week's killing of five Catholics by Protestants in a Belfast book-

Mr Major talked yesterday with the leaders of the constitutional parties. He is likely to have heard conflicting advice from the Unionists, with an emphasis on security, and from the SDLP, with an emphasis on the necessity of reaching a political solution. If Mr Major has followed the example of his predecessor (from 1985 on) he will have paid a lot more attention to John Hume of the SDLP than to Ian Paisley and James Molyneaux. But Mr Major and his advisers ought now to take stock of what exactly the results have been, over more than six

years now, of basing British policy

in Northern Ire-

land on Mr Hume's advice. 'Internment The Anglo-Irish failed in the Agreement of November, 1985, is Mr Hume's 1970s when brainchild. He applied to one convinced Garret FitzGerald, then Irish prime minister, that it was the right way forward, and the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs then applied its applied considerable powers of persuasion to the task of selling the idea to White-

community only. It need not fail if it is evenhandedly' hall. The agreement was signed at Hillsborough

on November 15, 1985. The governing concept of the agreement, eloquently propounded in advance by Mr Hume, was that the basic difficulty of North-ern Ireland is "the alienation of the minority". If you could only end the alienation of the minority. then "the reconciliation of the two traditions", and peace, would in due course follow. As expounded by Mr Hume and his Dublin disciples, that sounded an attractive idea in Whitehall at the time. But it should surely be obvious by now that it has not worked.

The poppy day massacre of Unionists by the IRA at Enniskillen came within a week of the second anniversary of Hillsborough agreement. In the wake of those deaths. Sir Charles Carter handed down a chilling verdict on the agreement: "It has alienated the majority community, without reconciling the minority. Those words are even more evidently true today, four years later. Every single year since the Hillsborough agreement has seen higher levels of violence than in

1985, the year of its signing.
Those who swallowed the story about "ending the alienation of the minority" seem to have assumed that after the Hillsborough agreement Mr Hume and his friends would advise their supporters to co-operate with the security forces on a regular basis. No such advice has been given. Hillsborough was only a start, it

seems, in the process of ending

minority alienation. Mr Hume still has a long shopping list, of which the culminating item is to be "an agreed Ireland"; a Humean euphemism for a united Ireland. While getting on with his shopping list. Mr Hume advises against a "military solution". meaning the defeat of the IRA.

The view from the Protestant side of the hill is that its armed enemies, the IRA, ensconced in the Catholic areas and with the silent collusion of their inhabitants, can regularly murder Protestants; and if the security forces are powerless to protect them, "then we must protect ourselves" If 1992 continues as it has begun, it will see the highest levels of political-sectarian violence since

the Provisional IRA offensive began more than 20 years ago.

If that trend is to be checked, the emphasis has to be put back on security, specifically on the evenhanded repression of the terrorists of both communities. For that purpose, by far the most promis-ing weapon is selective internment of both sets of ter-

rorist godfathers. We are con-stantly being told that "internment has been tried and failed". It failed in the 1970s, when it was applied to members of one community only. It need not fail in 1992 if it is applied evenhandedly. Almost everybody in Northern Ireland, this month, would heave a sigh of relief if they knew that both sets of godfathers were in detention. Mr

Hume, in opposing internment, is not necessarily representative of the mood of his community in the aftermath of the Ormeau Road

It is being said that internment will not work unless it is applied on both sides of the border. That may be true, but internment is not likely to be introduced in the republic until a favourable example has been set by its evenhanded application in Northern Ireland. If internment is introduced in Northern Ireland, some of the

godfathers will escape to the republic. They will not be welcome there, the mood in the republic being more hostile to the IRA at present than at any previous time. The arrival of the refugee god-fathers, and their activities, could provide the signal for the introduction of internment in the republic. But the British government will have to make the first move.

At his press conference after his election as leader of Fianna Fail. Albert Reynolds was asked about internment. He did not rule it out but said that "any consideration of internment would have to face up to the previous experience". More significantly, Mr Reynolds is reported as having "added that he was not about to dictate to the British government". I take that to mean that, if Britain decides to introduce internment, Dublin will not raise an international hullabaloo, as it did on the last occasion.

The time is ripe for internment in Northern Ireland, and it will then soon be ripe in the republic.

A bill of rights is the only answer to excessive Whitehall rule, argues Anthony Lester QC

This government is no friend of constitutional reform. To-day it will oppose Robert Madennan when he seeks leave to introduce his Protection of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms Bill. just as yesterday it opposed Jim Wallace with his fair votes bill. Last Friday it opposed the Home Rule (Scotland) Bill and previously the Freedom of Information Bill.

In a dismissive article in this newspaper last December, John Patten derided people such as me as "self-appointed founding fathers of the constitution-mongering movement". Mr Patten is a minister of state at the Home Office, a department not famous for defending citizens' rights against the misuse of public powers. He and his colleagues oppose all the important constitutional reforms advocated by the Charter 88 group and by a growing body of public opinion across the polit-

To be specific, the present administration is against a modern bill of rights: a fairer electoral system; Scottish home rule (and the transfer of substantial powers from Whitehall to the regions and local authorities); a public right of access to government information; an elected upper house; stronger parliamentary and judicial control of the executive: an independent

ical boundaries.

Mandarin Britain

Lord Chancellor as a full-time minister of justice and law reform: and a written constitution defining governmental powers.

From Mr Patten's lyrical description of the British constitution as a "decent and well-built. house . . . comfortable to live in, a setting for the nation's life", one would not suppose that the UK. has been found guilty of more serious violations of fundamental human rights than any other European country, or that we are a deeply disunited Kingdom, espe-cially in Scotland and in Northern Ireland; or that we have an overcentralised system of government; or that our political masters are obsessed with preserving unnecessary official secrecy; or that our voting system is unfair; or that we have no code of civil rights and liberties to guide lawmakers, administrators, judges and ourselves: or that we have been badly misgoverned by successive admin-

istrations that have treated us as subjects rather than citizens.

The government regards Charter 88's proposals for constitution-

judicial services commission; the al renewal, in Mr Patten's words, as "false shadows". But they are not shadowy to other Commonwealth democracies, such as Australia, Canada, India and New Zealand, which have successfully modernised their systems in many of the above respects. They are also in place in other European democracies. We need the developed principles of European public law to protect us, when faced with sweeping ministerial powers.

We also need a constitutional public service. It is unacceptable in a modern democracy that Home Office ministers and civil servants should claim the right to ignore court orders when acting in their public duties. Two centuries ago, the Act of Settlement recognised that "the laws of England are the birthright of the people" and that all the Queen's ministers and officers ought to serve "ac-cording to the same".

Yet today's ministers, temporarily exercising power on our behalf. argue that they are ultimately accountable only to Parliament, and cannot be proceeded against for contempt in the Queen's courts

for disobeying judicial orders. Their claim to be immune is presumptuous. Were it upheld, it would, in Lord Donaldson's strong words, be "a black day for the rule of law and the liberty of the subject".

The government is especially hostile to a British bill of rights incorporating the European Convention and the International Covenant into our legal system. Mr Patten relies on the "long, slow and expensive process" of suing in British courts as an argument against incorporation. Such delays are caused by the

government's refusal to appoint sufficient judges. Even so, the English judicial process is not nearly as long, slow and expensive as having to complain to the European Court of Human Rights. What we need are speedy and effective remedies in our own courts for breaches of our basic rights and freedoms, with the European Court as a last resort.

According to Mr Patten, Parliament "is the place where individ-ual rights should be determined and defined". Parliament certain-

ly has a very important potential role in protecting human rights. That is why the government should (but will not) allow Parliament to exercise its legislative powers to give effect to the European Convention, and to have a select committee on human rights, and to pass specific measures strengthening equal treat-ment without discrimination. public access to information, and personal privacy. Where fundamental human

rights are at stake, it is the role of

the independent judiciary, rather than of the government-dominated Parliament, to determine where state power ends and individual freedom begins. Parliament and government are no substitute for the effective judicial review of public measures and decisions affecting our personal freedom. Constitutional reform is not normally a popular issue. People worry more about health, jobs, education, social welfare and public order. But government excesses have created widespread discontent with excessive rule from Whitehall. Ministers may come to regret their contemptuous rejection of a modern, coherent system

that secures real democracy, per-

sonal liberty and accountable gov-

ernment under the supreme law of

the British constitution.

Middle America hits back

elderly black preacher, watched Mike Tyson march down the staircase from Judge Patricia Gifford's courtroom in Indianapolis on Monday night and shook his head. "This is a set-up. The white establishment has won. They were behind that girl and groomed her

to destroy him." One floor beneath him, another gloss was being aired by Greg Garrison, the slick-talking lawyer who had just won the only conviction in America's trilogy of judicial sex dramas of the past six months. Grinning from ear to ear, Mr Garrison pronounced on the lesson to be drawn from his triumph.

For too long, he said, the superstars of the sporting world had been allowed to get away with outrageous behaviour and boast about it to boot. Now, in the name of decency, the respectable citizens of Indianapolis had called a halt. Tyson, the boxing prodigy from the Brooklyn ghetto, was not just being punished for raping a young woman. He was being called to account for the excesses of the culture of celebrity.

Tyson also suffered from another burden in Indianapolis. He paid for the way he incarnates the figure of the young black predator, a figure which, thanks to an explosion of street crime, has come to haunt the psyche of mainstream America.

In its wider dimension, the fall of Iron Mike is both a racial fable and a morality tale. Middle America, the heartlands of grain silos and early bed-times, extracted revenge on the wild-living promiscuity of the new heroes from the coasts. In the old days, long before anyone, invented the term "role model", Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey. Cassius Clay and those other boxing titans could be vicious in the ring but were graceful outside it. Their fans believed them to be gentlemen. In an age that venerates Terminators and other killers, Tyson, the lisping boy wonder, could be worshipped for his bru-

However, as much as Mr Garrison and the two non-white jurors dismissed race as a part of their thinking, the blackness of Tyson and his accuser were a constant theme in the courtrom. On its most favourable side, the trial was a

sign of great social progress. Not long ago, it would have been unthinkable in Indiana, the birthplace of the Ku Klux Klan, that any woman, let alone a black one. would have been taken seriously if she told police a man had forced her to have sex when she visited

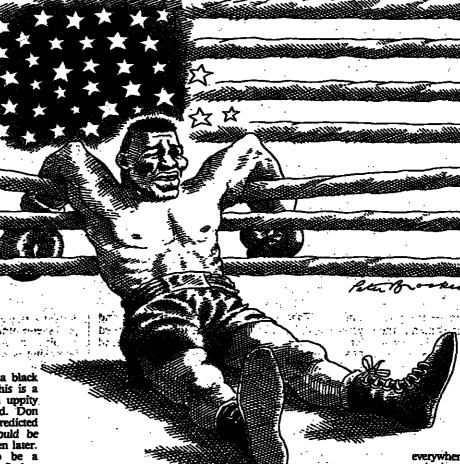
at 2am. But a large number of black people and many whites prefer to subscribe to the darker explanation, the one put forward by Judge Clarence Thomas, the Supreme Court nominee who was

his hotel bedroom

accused of lewd talk by a black woman last October. high-tech lynching of an uppity black." Mr Thomas said. Don King, Tyson's svengali, predicted all along that Tyson would be "lynched", if not now, then later. One does not need to be a bleeding-heart liberal to find a little truth in the hyperbole. Was it race as well as class and

power that let William Kennedy Smith walk free in Palm Beach many blacks ask, while a white court in Indianapolis was ready to believe the worst of a black man in similar circumstances? On the face of it, the answer is no. The Palm Beach accuser was a 30-year-old with a troubled background and a shaky story, and Dr Kennedy Smith delivered a sterling account of himself. In Indianapolis, the victim was a teenage Sunday school teacher and her

Charles Bremner on the moral forces that floored Tyson



attacker a man who freely told the court that a crude demand for sex was one of his standard pick-up lines.

But everyone is aware that almost all of those loose living or felonious sports stars mentioned by Mr Garrison are black. Black Americans were highly uncom-fortable watching the all-white teams of lawyers on both sides dissect the culture and tribal behaviour of Tyson under the eyes of a blonde woman judge and a mainly white and male jury.

Tyson's brutal image was magnified not just by the prosecutors. but even more damagingly by his own lawyer. Vincent Fuller, the grey-haired senior partner in one of Washington's most distinguished firms, could not have adopted a worse strategy than he did in deciding to paint Tyson as a man with such a reputation for bestial conduct with women that Desiree Washington could have had no illusion as to her fate when she went out with him.

distaste on the face of the pedantic Mr Fuller as he kept repeating Tyson's celebrated gambit Washington: "I wanna i you." And it was not just the exposure of Tyson's obvious hatred of women

that upset many blacks. As disturbing was the way the trial reviewed the climate of mysogyny and immorality rampant in "rap" culture. in which young degrading language about their violence towards

women. In another tellng image from the plained that he had been instruct-Miss Black America pageant to fondle the young contestants while singing a rap song

beautiful women everywhere". Something of the attitude was visible outside the court, where a group of black Tyson supporters denounced Ms Washington as a "whore" who

had sold out their hero. When the dust settles, much of black America is bound to harbour a sense of injustice over the destruction of one of the biggest stars the race has produced. As Americans indulged yesterday in their favourite post-match exercise of spotting the victim, there was less crowing from women's groups about victory in the sex wars than a sense of sadness and uneasiness among both blacks and whites.



...and moreover Alan Coren

the last thing you want a restaurant to do for you is open up a can of worms. When eating out, you do not require any new complications. You will have quite enough on your plate already, because apart from having to decide what it is you are going to have on your plate, and whether it is going to be quite enough and, furthermore, what it is you are going to have on the plate beside that — a client that — a slice, a roll, a crispbread, white, beige, granary, something with fashionable bits in, and, if so, which bits, olive, walnut, fieldmouse? - and what to have in the glass beside your plate, and furthermost, these days, what you are going to have in the glass beside that - still, fizzy. French. Highland, Malvern, tap? — apart from all this, I say, there is more than enough to occupy two fraught hours of anyone's bewilderment without having to take on board some fat new codicil to the decision-making process.

There is, for example, rare, medium, charred, there is on or off the bone, there is grated parmesan or not, there is black pepper or not, there are a dozen different mustards. as many different coffees ... and all this ceaselessly bearing down on a brain which began taking heavy punishment the instant it stepped into the place and began to wonder whether or not to check its hat, and, if so, whether to do it before prawns?" said Victoria.

which of the 30 tables it wanted to sit at. Who, given all this, would also wish to be faced with deciding how he wanted his lunch killed?

I raise this only because, on Sunday, it was raised for me; to the thinnest of levels, admit-tedly, but I know a wedge-end when I see one. I had taken my daughter to Gee's, possibly our favourite Oxford restaurant until Sunday came along to slot that "possibly" in, and, having got past the stuff with the hat and the table, we were wrestling with the menu's options, when L said, "I think I'll start with the tuna, but why does it say 'linecaught' in brackets?" And Victoria rolled her eyes

Besides which, dolphins get caught in turna nets. Would you want to eat a dolphin?" She had me there. It has long been a rule of mine never to eat anything smarter than I am. Moreover, trained dolphins, I recalled, were rumoured to have

fought for the CIA in Vietnam.

You would not want to eat an old

and said, "Because it's more

humane than netting, of course.

"The fact remains," [said, "that the restaurant is offering me something which they ad-vertise as having been dragged around by its lip. Humane or not, it would never have occurred to me to think about it, had they not brought it up. I shall start with the prawns. "I wonder how they kill "Prawns are not killed," I said. "They just die."
"Slowly?"

"I don't know," I said, "the menu doesn't specify. Mind you, since it describes them as King Prawns I suppose it's on the cards that they were individually hanged with a silken rope. I shall have the fettucine instead. The suffering undergone by pasta must be negligible. And after that I'll have the glazed breast of duck."

"I think it ought to say how they killed the duck." said Victoria. "I mean, did they bring it down with a clean shot, or did they just wing it so's the dog could have a bit of fun finishing it off? Or was it the sort they corner in farmyards and stran-

gle? No wonder it's glazed."
"Stop this," I said. "I know
where it's going. Youthful sarcasm and I are old friends. Any minute now, we shall be in the middle of the one about political rectitude as viewed by the middle aged ostrich. Do not get me wrong: I am perfectly happy to eat a friend of the earth who has been bumped off by topically acceptable means, but I don't

see why I have to have it rammed down my throat." "As it were. How about the rib of beef? Who knows, we might find out that it was seen off by El Cordobes after putting up a damned good show. It may have gone the way it would have chosen You'd like that."

I looked at the waiter. "You see what you've started."

A fortune in those fatwas

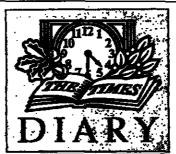
AS Salman Rushdie approaches the third anniversary of the fatwa against him, it was claimed yesterday that sales of The Satanic Verses have topped £65 million, making a millionaire not only of the author but of several of his dosest associates. In by far the most serious analysis to date of where the money has gone, the journalist Lewis Chester claims that both Gillon Aitken. Rushdie's London agent, and Andrew Wylie, his New York agent, have made \$1 million apiece since Rushdie went

into hiding. The figures appear in an article in next month's Esquire magazine in which Chester claims that Rushdie has made about £6 million from royalties. Aitken yesterday would not deny or confirm that the book had made him a millionaire. "I never discuss that side of the business. The book has sold well and we have made a commission. That is what we are in business for. If a book is on top of the bestseller list, then of course agents will do well."

The English language version, published by Viking Penguin, has sold just over one million copies, generating about £13 million. Non-English language versions of the book have generated another £52 million, according to Chester. Most of these overseas deals have been negotiated by Aitken.

But though foreign publishers have prospered on the back of the book, Penguin has not. Its net profits on American and British sales are about £2 million, which, when set against the £3 million the publisher spent on security at its premises, turns into a loss.

Rushdie's profits have suffered no such diminution. According to Chester the Metropolitan Police



has spent more than £1 million a year on protection (half on Special Branch salaries). Rushdie, speaking to The Times through his solicitor yesterday, said he has contributed £250,000 to cover his living expenses and accommodation while in hiding. The taxpayer meanwhile, has picked up a bill of nearly £3 million.

• The Queen went missing at

Monday night's royal gala at Covent Garden. As the orchestra under Bernard Haitink struck up the national anthem the audience rose, expecting the entry of the principal guest. The royal party appeared but without the Queen. The pit, it seems, had forgotten the royal fanfare, the pre-arranged signal for the Queen's entry. The audience sat down, the fanfare was played, the orchestra launched into the anthem for a second time, the audience again arose, and this time the Queen appeared. The error could not mar a triumphant evening.

Seconds out

FIRST there was Brando in On the Waterfront, then Stallone as Rocky, but who will play the starring role in the inevitable Tyson, The Movie? Perhaps one of the many opponents who were never able to beat Mike Tyson in the

ring might fancy the opportunity to play at being the champ.
The name of our own Frank Bruno, with his wealth of pantomime experience, comes to mind, while Tyson's ex-wife, the actress

Robin Givens, is ideally suited to play herself. Norman Mailer, that

One juror said that if there was

great fight fan, has already been suggested as the screenwriter. Such suggestions do not go down well with the Tyson camp. Jose Torres, close friend and au-thor of the official Tyson biography, claims to be too upset even to talk about a film. "At the moment he is not too warm about any such suggestion," says his New York attorney Carl De Santis. "He feels very badly about the verdict".

Heavenly profits

THE Scots Kirk in Paris is due to become a heap of rubble later this year, but will rise phoenix-like from the ashes. Canny to the last, the Church of Scotland, which has sold its prime site in the Rue Baynard, just off the Champs-Elysées, has bagged the first three



floors of the office block which will take the church's place. The Rev Bruce Robertson is looking forward to the demolition. "It's something I have been work-

ing for ever since I arrived ten years ago," he says. "The church was never finished." The lower floors of the new building will become the manse, the church and a church hall. "We get everything free and our partners get all the airspace they can negotiate with the planners to build upwards. No one will be sad to see it go."

Bob's job lot

IT IS the best free show in town. Sotheby's preview gallery in Conduit Street is displaying the contents of Robert Maxwell's penthouse. No appointment is necessary and the curious are walking in off the street to snigger at some fine examples of bad taste.

"Weil. I never," tutted one woman as she turned down the covers of Maxwell's double bed. Another giggled over lot 311, an autographed Mirror front page declaring: "To be a saint, you first have to be a sinner." Maxwell at

least got half way there. Further up New Bond Street, at Phillips, a calmer air prevailed. While on Friday Sotheby's is selling its Maxwelliana, down to the wooden coat hangers stolen from swanky New York hotels, the other auction house will be auctioning a collection of fine silver. "Robert who?" asked the Phillips receptionist, frostily.

♦ Who gives a XXXX for Australian beer? Certainly not the judges in the 1992 Brewing Industry International Awards. To add insult to injury, the trophy for the best lager in the world has been bestowed upon something called Kimi Lager from New Zealand. Australian drinkers yesterday predicted the award would strain antipodean diplomatic relations. "It is like telling the Scots that the best whisky comes from England," said one.

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VICTORY BY DEFAULT?

George Bush formally launches his campaign for re-election today, better placed to win than poll ratings blighted by recession suggest. He may not inspire great enthusiasm, but he has no credible challenger.

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Mr Bush should be in deep trouble, as Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter were in comparable circumstances in 1976 and 1980. The long-predicted recovery failed to appear in the autumn and the American economy has been sluggish. This has provoked a familiar bout of American introspection and pessimism. Two-thirds of voters think the country is heading in the wrong direction. With the Cold War over, the American public appears preoccupied with domestic concerns. Voters' dissatisfaction with the president's domestic performance has led to a sharp fall in his approval rating.

Mr Bush is still well-placed because past successes, mainly in foreign policy, have deterred potentially strong opponents. Pat Buchanan, his main challenger for renomination as Republican candidate, is more of an irritant than a threat. His message of economic and political nationalism has struck a chord with many conservative Republicans dissatisfied with Mr Bush's reversal of his "no new taxes" pledge. New Hampshire, which holds its primary election next Tuesday, is one of the best states for Mr Buchanan because of its conservative tradition and its deep economic recession. While Mr Buchanan may do well at this first test, it is hard to see him sustaining his

appeal in other states. Mr Bush's biggest advantage is the disarray of the Democrats. None of the five candidates has looked a credible nominee. Governor Bill Clinton, the early frontrunner, has fallen back after allegations of infidelity and draft-dodging. In Monday night's precinct caucuses in Iowa, Mr Clinton slipped into third place just behind Paul Tsongas. (First place, inevitably, went to the local boy, Tom Harkin.) The latest polls show the two neck-and-neck in New Hampshire.

If there is no clear Democratic victor from New Hampshire, others may be tempted into the race. Of these only a handful, such as Mario Cuomo, governor of New York, and Richard Gephardt, the House majority leader, are sufficiently well known or have the money to mount a late campaign. But none yet looks a serious nationwide challenger to Mr Bush.

After his two recent illnesses, Mr Bush has to demonstrate his physical stamina. Aged 68 this June, there is at least a chance he will not endure another full term. His decision to keep Vice-President Dan Quayle on the ticket deserves more than routine attention. Mr Quayle has been enjoying a favourable reassessment in the American press, partly a reaction to widespread initial ridicule, partly a result of his own improved performance. In London over the past two days, Mr Quayle has impressed normally cynical British observers of the American political scene. He might not be an obvious first choice as president, but he would be no less acceptable

a stand-in than Gerald Ford proved to be. The Bush/Quayle ticket still looks the most plausible for the next four years. But Mr Bush remains a president with low goals and minimal achievements at home. He is a manager, not always successful, of his country's problems rather than a leader pointing a new direction and inspiring the nation. His State of the Union message two weeks ago satisfied few.

His "strategy" rests on a mixture of blaming his administration's shortcomings on the intransigence of a Congress dominated by his political opponents and hoping that the economy will pick up by November. In other words, it is the strategy of all modern American presidents apart from Ronald Reagan. With the world facing its most optimistic realignment of power since the second world war, and with America able to take great credit for this, that country owes the world a more stimulating election campaign than is at present on offer.

JUSTICE DENIED

The criminal law on fraud went beyond breaking point yesterday and snapped. Mr Justice Henry stopped the trial of two defendants in the latest case arising from the Guinness takeover, on the ground that one of them was unfit to withstand further courtroom stress. Roger Seelig, a former mer-chant banker, "might do something irrevocable" to himself if the case continued, the judge said.

If those accused of fraud are to continue to receive a fair trial, and if the deterrent to fraud is to continue to be the prospect of public trial and punishment, then yesterday's collapse brings the system into ieopardy. Since the Roskill enquiry in 1986 stressed the difficulties of major fraud cases and recommended that in place of a jury two expert lay assessors should try such cases with a judge, some such breakdown as occurred yesterday has been expected. But the exact circumstances draw attention to a new hazard not previously experienced: the mental pressure on a defendant, such as Roger Seelig, not on legal aid but unwilling or unable to afford the huge costs of these trials, and therefore exercising his right to conduct his own defence.

In 1990 the same judge watched an earlier case arising from the same circumstances known as "Guinness I" as distinct from yesterday's "Guinness II" — come near to collapse because of the strain on the jury. That case lasted 112 days and finished one juror short. This series of prosecutions is expected to go into two more stages before it is complete. Not long ago the longest fraud trial ever, over the Britannia Park development, ended after 16 months with a total cost of £3 million. Other recent fraud trials such as the Barlow Clowes and County

NatWest cases have lasted several months. The Roskill report greatly improved the criminal law on fraud and led directly to the setting up of the Serious Fraud Office. What is increasingly clear is that the government made a mistake in implementing only part of the report. If the SFO was more likely to

bring long and complex fraud cases to trial, the court system itself had to be adapted. What happened at Southwark Crown Court yesterday may be only obliquely relevant to the point that most concerned the Roskill enquiry, the ability of a jury to digest months of technical evidence. But the jury dis-charged yesterday had been sitting since September. If the Serious Fraud Office decides to retry Mr Seelig, yet another jury would have to be empanelled for further months of service.

That daunting prospect explains and justifies Mr Justice Henry's exasperated remark: "... we must find a cheaper and quicker way to deal with serious fraud trials". It was likely, he went on, that a solution would have to be radical rather than "just tinkering". Clearly he does not think that the peculiar circumstances of this case — where Mr Seelig's mental health was obviously affecting his ability to defend himself prevent the drawing of a more general conclusion. In the matter of conducting major fraud trials with a jury, Mr Justice Henry is indeed himself an expert witness.

The Department of Trade and Industry is sufficiently concerned about the strain on the jury system to have asked the present royal commission on criminal justice to look once more at the Roskill recommendations. As well as urging once more the replacement of juries by expert assessors, the commission would do well to dig deeper into the American way of combating fraud.

There, a more flexible range of offences and penalties opens the way to the sort of plea-bargaining that often sees a culprit prepared to submit to punishment without the need for a lengthy trial. The Securities and Exchange Commission has a quasijudicial power to impose large financial levies - which are not technically fines — that offer an alternative remedy for serious fraud. Such flexibility is urgently needed in Britain. After yesterday's outcome the royal commission cannot leave the procedures for dealing with fraud as they stand. They are fair to nobody.

INTO HOT WATER

The average Briton spends a total of five days a year in the bath. This statistic is published today by one of the country's big five builders' merchants. So it must be true. The survey records that a quarter of its sample drank alcohol in their baths, nearly two-thirds read there and somewhat smaller fractions washed the dog, clipped their toenails, listened to music, made love, talked on the telephone, kept plants, drank coffee and went in for other ablutionary idiosyncrasies. Less popular supplementary bathtime activities included washing pet rabbits and Persian cats, duck racing, and calculating the bank balance. The ratio varies regionally. But most Britons take a bath for up to half an hour several times a week, averaging about ten minutes a day in the warm water.

If everybody averaged everything that he or she is alleged to do by such surveys, there would be no time left for answering pollsters' questions. But even if the British bathing survey is as liable to sampling error and to frivolous replies as all polls, it suggests a habit shift. The folklore, at any rate among foreigners, is that the British are reluctant and infrequent bathers. They are bothered by bidets and use bath-tubs, when they have them, to keep coal in. A Scorch wash is performed by putting dirty clothes in a bath with soap and water, and bouncing up and down on top of them. The Romans introduced regular bathing to Britain. But once they left, it took the natives more than 15 centuries to reinvent the habit.

English proverbs take a deprecatory line on baths. Wash your hands often, your feet seldom, and your head never. They who bathe in May will soon be laid in clay. Man does not live by soap alone and hygiene, or even health, is not much good unless you can take a healthy view of it - or better still treat it with healthy indifference. To save energy in the last war, Britons were encouraged to paint a plimsoll line nine inches high round the inside of their baths, above which they should not fill them. The king insisted that the line be drawn in all the palace baths. This produced the most notoriously impossible request from an American magazine's newsdesk: "Urgently need for next edition picture of king in bath. Rear view will do."

It is therefore good news, and not just for the neighbours, that the British are spending more time in baths. The bath is a seat of relaxation and creativity at the end of a hard day's labour. Winston Churchill had his best ideas in the bath and received Franklyn Roosevelt there. "We have no secrets from the American president," he declared, clad only in a cigar. Archimedes discovered in his bath the law that his body, and by extension any body, displaced its own bulk of water when immersed. He had been puzzling how to assay whether the gold of his king's crown had been alloyed with silver. When he stepped into his bath, full to the brim, it

slopped over the edge, and . . . cureka! The shower is American, bracing but transient. The bath is philosophical and wallowing. The highest response to the poll was that 68 per cent said that they dream in the bath. It seems that Britons are becoming more relaxed and civilised as well as deaner.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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David Plowright's departure from Granada Television

From Professor Michael Tracey

Sir, The forced resignation of David Plowright from Granada Television (report, February 4) is an appalling error of judgment, a slight to a man who has done much to provide Britain with pleasure, enlightenment and culture. Plowright is recognised by many inside and outside the UK as having masterminded the creation and success of one of the world's most important broadcasting organisations, and the circumstances of his departure are one more shard of evidence as to the crisis of British television.

I write from within a television culture in which those who forced Plowright out would be very much a home: television as a commodity, TV stations as objects to be bought and sold, little or no commitment to excellence of standards, rank mediocrity, no strategic sense, an obsession with the bottom line and thus an obsession with the ratings. And the mediocrity of the television reflects the mediocrity of the society in which it exists.

British television is littered with the discarded bodies of programme makers who had commitment, pas sion, belief and real creativity in their work. David Plowright is the latest

From Lord Thomson of Monifieth

Sir, We support the plea by Lord

Briggs and his colleagues (letter, February 7) for a commitment by the party leaders to provide the BBC, in

its new charter in 1996, with the

means to preserve the diversity and

Quality in the commercially funded half of British broadcasting

is clearly under pressure from the

financial provisions of the new Broadcasting Act (report, February 4). The removal of Mr David

Plowright as chairman of Granada

TV is evidence of that danger.

making it all the more vital that the

BBC of the future should be enabled

to maintain its full public service

broadcasting remit.

The BBC has set up a series of

working parties to consider its own

future structure and functions. In an

organisation as big as the BBC no

doubt there is room for economy in

the use of scarce resources and for

reducing bureaucracy. But it would be gravely damaging to the interests of the viewer and listener if the BBC

were to seek to convert itself into the

currently fashionable concept of a

publisher-contractor. The BBC must

remain a major centre of excellence

by making its own programmes in its

We are therefore concerned that

the results of the BBC's internal

review, which is being conducted in

private, may pre-empt proper dis-

cussion of these important issues.

Whatever government emerges from

the general election should im-

mediately set up a committee of enquiry into the future of the BBC.

own studios.

character of its programming.

and Mrs Jocelyn Hay

victim. The accountants, or in this case the caterer, took over. I would have thought it a useful

aphorism for the governance of human affairs that the purser should not navigate the ship and the catering manager should be let nowhere near the soup. Yours sincerely (and in exile), \

MICHAEL TRACEY (Director), University of Colorado at Boulder, Center for Mass Media Research, Macky 20, Campus Box 287, Boulder, Colorado 80309 0287, USA.

From Mr John Chittock

Sir, Over the last 40 years, we have witnessed the drastic decline of the British engineering and electronics industry, to the point that we are now a country that serves rather than produces. In a lecture organised by the

Department of Trade and Industry this week, Mr Akio Morita, chairman of Sony Corporation, said: Here in the UK I am told some manufacturers are led by chief executives who do not understand the engineering that goes into their own products ... many UK corporations are headed by

chartered accountants. This strikes me as Engineering and manufacturing

Unlike the Peacock committee, its

terms of reference should con-

centrate on the best way to provide

the public funding necessary to

maintain the range and quality of

Television and radio are today

probably the biggest single influence

on the character of the society in

which we live. The BBC's distinctive

role and responsibility become more, not less, significant in an age of

multi-channel satellite and cable. Its

future deserves the widest public

Yours sincerely, GEORGE THOMSON (Patron).

From Mr N. Leonard Alderson

JOCELYN HAY (Chairman), The Voice of the Listener and Viewer,

Sir, Asa Briggs and his colleagues write that "all around the world the

BBC is synonymous with high-

quality programmes". As an Eng-

lishman who has lived abroad for

most of the last 40 years, and who

never travels without his short-wave

radio, I can attest to this statement,

so far as BBC World Service radio is

Unfortunately, the worldwide re-

outstion of the BBC has been sullied

in the past year with the introduction

of BBC World Service television.

Apart from an excellent evening

news programme, peak viewing times each day are filled with what

strike me as excruciatingly unfunny

comedy or quiz shows and soaps of mind-numbing banality.

A notable example of missed

opportunity occurred last week,

BBC as centre of excellence in a multi-channel age

the BBC's services.

101 Kings Drive, Gravesend, Kent.

debate.

today, broadcast television tomorrow. Would the board of Granada (and the Independent Television Commission) care to take note?

Yours faithfully, JOHN CHITTOCK, 37 Gower Street, WC1.

From the Chairman of the Directors Gulld of Great Britain

over 1,200 directors, many of whom have worked, over the years, for Granada Television. We view the recent ruthless and cynical action over David Plowright with dismay. He is one of the few executives whose whole life has been devoted to public service broadcasting. This is, as Mr Plowright has shown, entirely com-patible with making a fair profit. Apparently, a fair profit is not enough for those who have so

unceremoniously got rid of him. Granada Television, indeed the whole industry, is the poorer for his departure.

when BBC domestic television

showed a programme commemorating the 40th anniversary of the

Queen's accession. TF1, the French television station, showed the pro-

gramme that same evening. To date,

it has not been shown on the BBC's

BBC World Service radio is largely financed by the government, which

will not wish to see its investment

endangered by the poor quality of the corporation's World Service tele-

Yours faithfully.
N. LEONARD ALDERSON.

CH-1211 Geneva 12, Switzerland.

Sir, What some politicians regard as the unpopularity of the BBC licence system would be substantially re-

moved if the fee were expressed as a

monthly figure, similar to the rent of

a video recorder or the subscription

The monthly costs of home enter-

tainment could then be readily compared, and the BBC's provision

ional radio networks and many local

radio stations, all for about £7 a

month, would be seen to be remark-

ably good value for money.

Cargill International S.A.,

From Mr Leonard Miall

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to a cable service.

Yours faithfully,

February 8.

LEONARD MIALL

Maryfield Cottage,

High Street, Taplow

Maidenhead, Berkshire.

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Yours faithfully, JAMES CELLAN JONES. Chairman. The Directors Guild of Great Britain, Suffolk House 108 Whitfield Place, W1.

World Service.

count on the support of all three Sir, This organisation represents main parties for legislation entitling the small businessman to interest on bills outstanding for more than 60 They will also have been aston-

ished to see the under secretary of state for employment (letter, February 7) proclaiming the need for industry to change its own payment practices, reassuring them that the government is actively encouraging this process and claiming to recognise that "the public sector should set an example."

They know that the government is one of the worst offenders, seeking to defend a system which is as indefen-

Short arm of law

Sir. Those of your readers who are

solicitors and barristers will have

been bemused to see Mr Alistair

Sampson's confident assumption

(letter, February 5) that one could

on unpaid bills

From the Chairman of the Bar

sible as it is dishonourable. The effect of regulations made by the under secretary of state's colleague, the Lord Chancellor, is that a solicitor or barrister acting for a legally-aided client in a civil dispute, and who has actually done the work. has to wait 18 months to be paid anything, and can then claim only 54 per cent (paid in depreciated currency and without interest). Common morality and elementary

justice demand that no one should be expected by the government to wait months and indeed years to be paid for the work he has done. Such treatment would be bad enough if suffered at the hands of some private enterprise; suffered at the hands of the state, it is an outrage.

The Bar has always recognised its professional obligation to act for legally-aided clients, who are often the most underprivileged and defenceless members of society, even though this typically means working for fees substantially lower than those which can be commanded in the private sector. This is an absolutely fundamental obligation, voluntarily assumed by the Bar in the public interest. The least which the profession is entitled to ask in return is that the public purse should pay

promptly. As the under secretary of state says. the public sector should set an example. That process could usefully be set in train by remedying a long-standing grievance which ultimately threatens the proper and efficient administration of justice.

Yours faithfully, GARETH WILLIAMS, Chairman, The General Council of the Bar, 3 Bedford Row, WC1. February 7.

From Mr David H. Walton

Sir. Mr Sampson has revived vet again the old idea of charging recalcitrant debtors with interest on overdue accounts. The idea may seem attractive; but, as one who has been in credit control in smaller companies. I believe it to be a nonstarter.

The principal beneficiaries would be the big companies, who are already the bad payers, who would use their muscle to collect the interest from small hard-pressed customers. The small supplier companies would still be at the mercy of the big, often cash-rich corporations who pay at 90-plus days and take their business away upon even the slightest hint of requesting proper terms.

There is a further drawback. The sums involved are often not worth the efforts of calculation and collection, but give slow payers yet one more item in the account to query and haggle over, thereby extending the repayment of the proper debt.

Until the big corporation boards develop a proper morality towards their creditors, as is found in Japan, the small firms will continue to be cheap sources of finance. As the old song might have said, "It's the rich what gets the money, it's the poor what gets the blame".

Yours truly, DAVID H. WALTON. 10 St Guthlac's Close, Crowland, Lincolnshire.

Favoured occupations From Professor John Radford

Sir. Mr Schafer asks (letter. February 7) which occupations are held in high esteem.

In surveys which I did in the mid-1980s among sixth-form students and undergraduates, accountancy came high for prestige and opportunities for advancement, but low for job satisfaction. Architecture, Mr Schafer's own profession, came quite high for all these and for responsibility. There was a similar pattern for subjects at degree level, the basis of professional training.

One occupation, however, and one subject of study, invariably came top whatever the criterion: medicine. Yours faithfully,

JOHN RADFORD (Chartered psychologist). 38 Cephas Avenue, El.

From Mr Tom Harman Smith

Sir. Since we dentists have dropped the suffix "surgeon", and started to care for our patients as well as their teeth. I suggest that dentistry has become an occupation that can be honoured by the public more than in

Yours faithfully, TOM HARMAN SMITH, 2 Ravensdale Avenue,

Price paid in Ulster

From the Director of Operations, Iniand Revenue

Notices of coding

Sir. Mr Michael Banister (letter February 4) asks why we issue notices of coding in January and February for the new tax year before the Chancellor announces the levels of tax allowances for that year.

The answer is that we have to review around 29 million tax records each year to make sure that every employee has a code number for the start of the new tax year on April 6. We try to ensure that each code reflects the latest information which we have about an individual's circumstances, so that as far as possible we

collect the right amount of tax. We need to tell employers about code changes in time for them to make the necessary adjustments to their payroll systems. All this takes time, and we would not be able to get revised codes in place for April 6 if we were to postpone our review until after the Budget.

For the vast majority of taxpayers the Budget changes can then be put into effect by employers without the issue of new notices of coding. In a typical year we issue notices of coding to fewer than 15 per cent of employees following the Budget.

Yours faithfully. K. V. DEACON. Director of Operations, Inland Revenue, Somerset House, WC2. February 6.

From Mr J. K. Dobson

Sir, The huge waste of paper and postage referred to by Mr Banister is but the tip of the iceberg. As the employer of a nanny, in the next few weeks I expect HM Collector of Taxes to send me, once again, a complete set of stationery for the fiscal year 1992-3 with which to administer her PAYE and National insurance contributions. This will be used for April and perhaps May. when it will be replaced by another complete set. in addition to the apparent waste

of paper and postage, it would be interesting to know the cost to the taxpayer of the administrative effort. Yours faithfully, JAMES DOBŠON. Auchenlea, Torwoodhill Road, Rhu, Dunbartonshire.

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From Sir William van Straubenzee

Sir, The political situation in Ireland, north and south, seems to be at a moment of pause. In the north, despite the best efforts of one of the most remarkable of our secretaries of state, political talks are in abeyance. In the south, a new prime minister has yet to set his stamp on govern-

It may therefore be the appropriate moment to ask a simple question: What exactly are we in the United Kingdom getting out of the Anglo-Irish Agreement?

It is easy to see how the agreement is valued by the south. We in the United Kingdom have given to a foreign country a special status in relation to our internal affairs. Many, like myself, who had considerable reservations about this at the time, went along with it on the basis of supporting ministers doing one of the most thankless tasks in government. We felt that if those ministers thought the move was right then they should be supported. My under standing, however, always was that one of the crucial consequences from our point of view would be greatly

improved cross-border security. Now I appreciate that security is a subject which cannot easily be discussed in public. Intelligence gathering, for example, by its very nature must remain murky as a recent trial in Northern Ireland has shown us. Furthermore, there is undoubted validity in the point that what we outsiders do not hear about is the

New business rate From the General Secretary of the

Sir. When the Federation of Small Businesses complains (report, February 5) about the new uniform business rate and the long delays in getting appeals against assessments heard, they should treat the Department of Environment minister's

inadequate resources in the Valuation Office Agency and in the appeal tribunals. The VOA is strapped for cash and, in an effort to balance its accounts by April 5, 1992, it has to cut spending by £4 million.

the unified business rate that has been affected. Overtime and the recruitment of temporary staff to get

number of incidents which are foiled. All we know of are those which

succeed. But, that said, it would I think be a bold man who would assert that cross-border security had greatly improved since the signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. Politically, the aspirations of the republic over part of the United Kingdom remain expressed in their constitution as before. One suspects that the constitution cannot be changed because of uncertainty of obtaining

the necessary majority to do so.

At least, therefore, so far as the IRA is concerned, the south remains a safe haven for terrorists, just as in this country there must perforce be a significant number of homes which Irish terrorists can use safely as a

The price we paid for the Anglo-Irish Agreement was to alienate a very large number of Unionists. By this I am not referring to the political leadership, of whom most of us have long since despaired. I am rather thinking of the moderate middle-ofthe-way opinion in Nonhern Ireland which argues, with some justification, that if any other part of the United Kingdom had been involved we should never have agreed to a

treaty of this sort. It seems therefore the right moment to ask the question. It might even be the right moment to renegotiate the treaty.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM van STRAUBENZEE, York House, 199 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1.

the council tax off the ground have

February 7.

Inland Revenue Staff Federation

appeals so badly, the prospective council-tax payers ought to ask themselves before the next general explanations with some scepticism. Appeals are in arrears because of be administered? Yours faithfully,

General Secretary, It is not only the appeal system for

now been suspended. The reason for the cut backs?

Principally because the DoE has been delaying paying its bills to the agency and has been clawing back money earmarked for the council If the government handles these

election what kind of an appeals system are we going to get for the council tax, and when and how will it CLIVE BROOKE,

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February II: His Excellency Mr All Lakhdari was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Algeria to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanis Excellency was accompa-nied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Hadi Brouri (Minister Counsellor), Mr Lamri Khelif (Minister Plenipotentiary), Mrs Zahra Bendib (Counsellor), Mr Mohamed Salah Zeghaida (Third Secretary), Mr Abdel-(Third Secretary), Mr Abdel-wahab Sahraoui (Attaché), Mr Azzedine Souidi (Attaché), Mr Mohamed Groussi (Attaché).

Mrs Lakhdari was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir David Gillmore, Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Gentleman appointment as Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod and delivered up the Insignia of

Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Com-mander of the Royal Victorian

Admiral Sir Richard Thomas was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as United Kingdom Military Repre-sentative on the Military Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation: sub-sequently he took the Oath upon his appointment as Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, and received the Insignia of Office.

Sir Colin Cole (Garter King of Arms) was in attendance and administered the Oath.

The Queen held a Council at

There were present: the Rt Hon John MacGregor, MP (Lord President), the Rt Hon David Hunt, MP (Secretary of State for Wales), the Rt Hon Richard Ryder, MP (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury), the Rt

Hon Alan Clark, MP (Minister of State, Ministry of Defence).

Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, MP, the Hon Sir Gordon Slynn (Judge o the European Court) and the Hon Sir Johan Steyn (Lord Justice of Appeal) were sworn in as mem-bers of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council. Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in

attendance as Clerk of the Council. The Rt Hon John MacGregor,

MP had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon inaugurated the London Inter-national Financial Futures and Options Exchange at Cannon Bridge, London EC4, and were received by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Brian Jenkins), Mr David Burton (Chairman) and Mr Michael Jenkins (Chief

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness visited the Trading Floor where The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque. The Duchess of Grafton, Mr

Robin Janvin, Mr Charles Anson, Lieutenant Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson and Lieutenant Colonel David Buchanan were in

The Rt Hon John Major, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening. The Duke of Edinburgh, Presi-

dent, the Royal Mint Advisory Committee, attended the 200th Meeting and later a Lunch to mark the Seventieth Anniversary of the foundation of the Com-mittee, at St James's Palace. Lieutenant Commander Malcolm Sillars, RN was

The Prince Edward, Trustee, today gave a Lunch for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at

KENSINGTON PALACE February 11: The Ducless of Gloucester, Patron, National Asthma Campaign, this after-noon opened the new offices at Providence House, Providence Place, London N1.

Mrs Howard Page and Miss Suzanne Mariand were in



Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, presenting Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, with a trade union banner depicting Cardinal Manning, a tribute from the Thames watermen and lightermen for his support during a dock strike in 1889. The banner is being lent as part of the Cardinal Manning centenary exhibition

Dinners

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were hosts last night at a dinner held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Vice-President of America and Mrs Quayle. The

other guests were:
The American Ambersador, Mr William Kristol, Mr Karl Jackson, the Hon Douglas Hund. MP, Sir Peny Cradock and Mr Stephen Wall.

The Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies, presented the Pattern makers' Company's Young Manager Development Scheme Award for 1992 to Mr Jan Boda of Newbold Shoes, winner of the company's major sponsorship, at the annual livery dinner held last. night at Middle Temple Hall. Mr Boda receives a two-year training Mr J.P.H.M.S. Cunynghame,

Master, presided, assisted by Mr R.P. Shepherd. Upper Warden. Mr G.R.A. Andrews, Renter War-den, and Mr T.S.S. Black, Warden to the Trade. The Upper Warden and Mr Gilbert Gray. QC, also spoke.

den presented a pair of partens to the Lord Mayor. Among others

Honographe Society of Knights of the Round Table Major General M.J.H. Walsh, Knight President of the Honographe able Society of Knights of the Round Table, presided at a legal dinner held last night at the Inner Temple. Lord Griffiths, Treasurer of the Inner Temple, also spoke. Mr Allen Hayman, QC, Trea-surer of the Middle Temple, was among others present.

The Chartered Institute Management Accountants
Mr David Knox, MP, was host at
a dinner at the House of Commons last night on behalf of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). Among those present were:

Professor Andrew Liderman (CIMA president), Mr Philip Rewin and Mr Douglas McRue (vice-presidents), Sir George Vallings (CIMA secretary), Mr Richard Alexander, MP, Mr Inck Aspinwall, MP, Mr Afteny Bray, MP, Sir William Ciart, MP, Mr Herney Bray, MP, Sir William Ciart, MP, Mr Herney Bray, MP, Sir William Ciart, MP, Mr Horteny Bray, MP, Sir Hames Cran. MP, Mr Kenneth Easthann, MP, Mr Bobert Hicks, MP, Mr Mc Leighton, MP, Mr Dowld Maddel, MP, Mr Michael Madrin, MP, Mr Downas McAwoy, MP, Mr Gordon Oakes, MP, Mr Sichard Marin, MP, Mr Borbasch Peacock, MP, Mr David Shaw, MP, Mr Robin Squire, MP, Mr Andrew Stewart, MP, Sir John Stokes, MP, Mr Denish Turner, MP, and Mr John Walls, MP.

The Electrical Contractors Association.
Mr. Iim Dougal, President of The Electrical Contractors' Association, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Michael Howard. OC. Secretary of State for Employment, was principal guest and speaker. Among the 1.000 people present were Office Bearers from the Leading Trade Associations, Confederations and Federations, EETPU, the perma-nent Civil Service, Members of Parliament and leading figures and company represent from the electrical industry.

Luncheons

To mark the signing of the Anglo-Kuwaiti Defence Co-operation Memorandum of Understanding, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence, was host yesterday at a huncheon held at Lancaster House in honour of Shaikh Ali Sabah Al Salim Al Sabah, Minister for Defence of

Law Society Mr Philip Ely, President of the Law Society, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 60 Carey Street Baroness Mallalien, QC, and Mr Graeme Jump, sident of the Manchester Law Society; were among the guests. Royal Institution of Chartered

Mr Ted Watts, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, emertained at huncheon yesterday at 12 Great George Street, SWI, Mr Robert Jackson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Employ-

Today's royal engagements

ment.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, will present the Better Environment Awards for Industry at 8 John Adam Street at 11.10.

The Princess Royal, as an Honorary Member of Lloyd's, will attend a dinner at Whithread's Brewery, Chiswell Street EC1, at 7.00 in aid of the Children in Cities Appeal. The Duke of Kent and the Duchess of Kent, as Controller

Commandant of the WRAC, will

attend the farewell regimental dinner at Guildhall at 7.30. Service dinner

Oxford University Air Squadron Dr J.M. Roberts, Warden of Menton College, Oxford, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin, Air Member for Personnel, were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Oxford University Air Squadron held last night at Manor Road, Oxford Squadron Leader J.D. Smithson, Commanding Officer, presided. Among those present were:

The Assistant Chief of the Air Sant, the Assistant Commandant RAF College Rassistant Commandant RAF College Cranwell, the Master of University College, the Warden of New College, Frudersor R J O'Neill and Professor E A Roberts. Air Member for Personnel, were

Legal

Mr K. Arminge to be Standing Counsel (Criminal) to the Inland Revenue on the Northern Circuit.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.J.N. Brenns and Miss A.M. Mitchell
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of

Mr and Mrs B.J. Brennan, of Godalming, Surrey, and Annabel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Mitchell, of Stone, Staffordshire,

and Miss A.C. Custoring The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Ross Capel, of Sydney. Australia, and of Sydney, Australia, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr Ian Cumming, of Culzean, Ayrshire, and Mrs Simon Pilkington, of Allington, Wiltshire.

Mr J.R. Condrap and Miss N. Pierce-Hughes The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Condrup, of Haslemere; Surrey, and Nerys, daughter of Mrs Pierce-Hughes and the late Mr William Pierce-

Hughes, of Holywell, Clwyd.

and Miss C.H. Woodhouse The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs James Denniston, La Celle, St Cloud, Paris, and Hannah, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Woodhouse, of Lancing College,

Suspex. Mr A.N. Lec and Miss E.L. Baxter
The engagement is announced between Adrian, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs Christopher Lee, Crickhowell, Powys, and

Emily, only daughter of Mr Oliver Baxter, London, SWI, and Mrs David Wingfield, Sibella Road, London, SW4.

Mr W.R.P. Leschalles

and Miss E.C. Hautable
The engagement is announced
between William, younger son of
Mr and Mrs Anthony Leschallas, of Cranbrook, Kent, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Huxtable, of Bosham, West Sussex.

Appointments

and Miss C.E.C. Bennett The engagement is announced between Guy Christopher Raymond, only son of Mr and MIS J.R. Miller, of Southgate, London, and Catherine Elizabeth Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H.S. Bennen, of

Dulwich, London. Captain T. Stokes and Miss N.M. Byrne

The engagement is announced between Tim Stokes, Royal Artillery, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Stokes, of Garmston, Shropshire, and Nichola, youngest daughter of Mr Michael Byrne, of Bli Bli, Australia, and Mrs Mora Byrne, of Ruffec,

Dr R.H. Thomas and Dr M.A.J. Williams

The engagement is announced between Robert Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh R. Thomas, of Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex, and Michèle Amanda Joy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith R. Williams, of Lodsworth, West

Mr C.J. Watkinson

and Miss C.A. Holder The engagement is announced between Charles, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Warkinson, of Gowthorpe Manor, Swardeston Norfolk, and Charlotte, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Holder, of Lee Farm House,

nere Shropshire.

and Miss E.C. Norbury
The engagement is announced between Barrie, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Whitman, of Bleasby, Nottinghamshire, and Claire, daughter of the late Dr Keith Norbury and of Mrs Norbury, of Bath Asson Bath, Avon.

Mr C. Wise and Miss A. Tebbs

The engagement is announced between Craig, only son of Mr and Mrs D. Wise, of Bath, and Amanda, youngest daughter of Mr D. Tebbs, of Wimbledon, and Mrs A. Chilton, of Edington, Wiltshire.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Campion poet and musician, London, 1567; Jan Swammerdam, emomologist. Amsterdam, 1637; Charles Darwin, naturalist. Shrewsbury, 1809; Abraham Lin-Shrewsbury, 1809; Abraham Lin-coln, 16th president of the USA 1861-65, Larue County, Ken-tucky, 1809; George Meredith, novelist, Portsmouth, 1828; Ma-rie Lloyd, music hall entertainer, London, 1870;

DEATHS: Lady Jane Grey, queen of England May 6-19, 1553, executed, London 1554; Charles Le Brun, painter, Versailles, 1690; Pierre Marivaux, novelist and dramatist, Paris, 1763: Immanuel Kant, philos-opher, Königsberg, Germany, 1804; Sir Astley Cooper, surgeon, London, 1841; Hans von Bulow, planist and conductor, Cairo, 1894; Emile Waldteufel, com-

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McLAUGHLIN - On February MERRILL - On February 8th.

to Victoria (nee Corbett) and Hugh a son Guy Charles, a brother for Jack

ATTCHELL - On February 6th MITCHELL - On February 6th MORRIS— On February 4th. To Anna (Nee Jouhert) And Rob. A Son. John Edward.

PHILLIPS - On February

PRATT - On February 6th. to PRICE - On February 2nd 1992 to Claire and Nicholas, a daughter Georgina Molly Banwell, a sister for Charlle.

SHANKS On February 8th to

DEATHS

AISHER - On Tuesday nary 11th, peacefully at home, with her family. Eileen Eiste, aged 82, desoled and dearly losed wife of Jack and adored mother of Trevor, Peter and Michael and all her grand and great-grandchildren. well, Service at 31 Sactions. Walmer. Tursday 18th at 2.30 pm. Private cremation at Barham. Family Rovers only. Donations it desired to The Ladys Guid. Deal and walmer Lifeboot.

ADAMS On February 9th.
Mary Vera, at Easton-on-liveHill. Service at St. Mary and
All Saints, Fotherthinghay on
Monday 17th February
11.30 am followed by
private cremation (Family
only) Enquiries to R. J.
Scholes Funeral Directors
(0780) 63092.

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CASS - On February 9th Raymond Charles, peacefully at home after a long filmess courageously borne. Dearly loved husband of Carole and father of Julian. David and Peter. Funeral Service at St James's Church. Bodiey Road. New Maiden on Tuesday February 18th at 11.30am followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to: Royal Marsden Hospital. Cancer Research Fund. Downs Road. Sutton, Surrey SN2 SPT.

COOKE - On February 10th. COOKE - On February 10th.
George William Cooke
C.S.C. F.R.S... aged 76
years. Late of Rothamsted
and the Agricultural
Research Council. Husband
of Beth. father of HarveyJane and Benjamin. Funeral
Service at West Hertfordshire Crematorium, Garston
on Tuesday February 18th al
1.30pm. Family Rowers
only. those wishing to give
thanks for the life of George
may send donallons to The
Farmers Club Charitable
Trust, 5 Whitehalf Court.
London Enquiries to L.C.
Weston Funeral Directors.
No 25 17 Leyton Road.
Harpenden Tel: 0582
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DIXON - On February 9th. peacefully. Annie Lillian Joyce, aged 81 years, wife of the laie Frank. much loved mother of Rob and Paul, grandmother of Nicola. Strom and James Funeral Service at Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Shipake, on Monday February 17th at 11.30 am. followed by remaind to the followed by remaind for followed by remaind for followed by remaind for followed by remaind for for imperial Cancer Research Fund may be sent to A.B. Walker & Son Ltd. 36. Eldon Road. Reading.

EVANS - On February 7th, at his home, Geillinaf, Cloth Hall Lane, Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfli, Gordon Donald, beloved husband of Doreen. Devoted father of Nicholas and Karen-Mina, much loved father-in-law of Anne and Garry and dearest grantfather of Robert, Ross, William and Thomas, Funeral dealis; Raymond lies & Sons Tet-O688 4658. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Researth Wales, Velindre Hospital. Whitchurch, Cardiff CF4 7XL.

FIRMIS On January 20th.
James William of Hassocks.
Funeral has taken place but a
Memorial Service will be
held on Thursday March
19th at The Brighton College
Chapel. Eastern Road.
Brighton at 12.30pm.
Enquiries to William Collins
and Son. 12 Mills road.
Burgess Hill. Sussex.
Telephone. 0444 671515

FOGELL - On February 7th, after a short illness bravely borne. Marlin Fogell. B Mus. BAL ARCM pp. ARCM pl. LTCL. FTCL. beloved husband of Annie. will be remembered and loved forever. a gentle and loving man to all Shalom.

GILLHAM - On February 2nd peacefully at Willen Hospice. Milion Keynes, Dennis Victor (Danny) builder, restorer and gentleman Much loved by his family and friends. Funeral Service look place at Crown Hill Crematorium on Thursday February 5th. Service conducted by Reverand Cites Coober. Donations if desired to Willen Hospice. Million Keynes.

DEATHS GORDON - On February 9th suddenly and peocefully in hospital, Fritzl, widow of Paul Cordon, beloved mother of Nona and adored grandmother of Tara. Much respected former England Bridge player and Women's World champlon. Cremation service 9.30 am on February 13th at Putney Vale, Kingston Road, Flowers and enquiries to J. H. Kenyon. Funeral Directors, 9 Pond Street, Hampstead.

Lord D.F.C., aged 59 years 0 Seaton, Devon, one of lifes truly great characters. The Funetal Service will take place at Exeter and Devon prace at Exercer and Devon Crematorium on Friday. February 14th at 11am. Flowers or if desired donations in tieu to the Royal Air Force Club. c/o J.F. Clarke & Son. Maryknoll. Lyme Street. Asminster.

R.N.L.I. Enquiries Millard O278 793078.

HILL - On February 9th 1992. left is peacefully during the early hours. Dorothy, widow of Charles, loved and cherished by all who knew her. Cremetion to be beld at midday. February 199h. Randall's Park Cremetionium. Randall's Cremetionium. Randall's Cremetionium. Randall's Cherostorium. Randall's Surrey. Flowers to W. A. Truelove. 18. Church Rd. Epsom. by 10 o'clock.

KEATE On 6th February 1992 at home David Michael Raiph Reate, aged 60. Brother of Margaret Hicks. Patricia Huggins and Ann Trounson: husband of Elizabeth and father of Jim. Peter. Christopher and Jame. A Meeling for Worship will be held at 2-30pm on Sunday 1st March 1992 at 12 Jesus Lane Cambridge and afterwards at Davids home. No flowers Dopations. In add of Friends work. The Keate Familly Arts Trust. or any preferred charity, may be sent to Peter Keate.

Kill.GOUR - On February 8th. Interpretation of the light librets.

preterred charity, may be sent to peter Keate.

KILGOUR - On February 8th. unexpectedly after litness. Julian youngest son of the late Robert M Kügour W.S. and Nancy Kligour Brother of Alexander and Robin. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium Friday February 14th at 4.30. pm.

LANGLEY - On February 10th 1992, peacefully in Wexham Park Hospital. Norman Samb. aged 84. loving father of Peter. Tessa and Eizzaocht. Grandfather of Stephen. Chris, Rozalind. Clare. Sen and Richard. Great grandfather of Sam and Eila. Past Chairman of Langley and Johnson Ltd. and former captain of Stoke Poges. Golf Cub. Private family cremation, domations if desired to R.N.L.I. or Dr. Bernado's.

LORD - On February 8th 1992 at Wonford Hospital, Exeter. Ronald Alexander (Chunky)

service 9.30 am on February Hodders Hill Road. Sym Hodgers Hill Road

RAYNE - On February 7th 1992. Sir Edward CV.O.. aged 69; survived by his wife Monna and sons Edward Nicholas. Funeral private. Donations to N.S.P.G.C.

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RICHARDS - On 11th February, 1992, in Hospital at Steffy-La-Grande. Agnes, betoved wife of David and dear mother of Heskelh. Much missed by daughler-inlaw Ann and grandchildren David and Judith. Funeral Friday 14th February, 1992 at 10am Egise Ligueux. 35220 Ste. Foy-La-Grande. France

RUSSELL - On February 10th 1992. 1ery pagefully at

Lynne Sireci. Asminaster.

LUCKNURST - On February
9th. Dr. Matthew. B.Fc..
M.B. B.Chir as a result of a
road traffic accident at
Woodstock. Oxford the
dearly loved youngest son of
Colin and Barbara of Upper
Cam. Dursley. Gloucs.
Dearly betoved brother of
Heidi and Tim. The tragic
end of a young life full of
promise. Cremation at
Haycombe, Bath at 2pm on
Tuesday February 18th.
Donations if desired to
Amnesty international. Any
enquiries to Co-operative
Funeral Services. Bath 0225
514504.

LYON-SMITH On 11th

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LYON-SMITH On 11th February Caroline (nee Fox-Pitt) aged 59, beloved wife of David and mether of George, Kale and Harry Private cremation. Funeral Wednesday 19th February at 2.30pm Ckdleigh Church. No flowers please but donations to F.O.R.C.E. (Cancer Research) C/O W. Redstone, Moorlands. South Zeal, Oakhampton

McKIMNON WOOD On February 7th, in hospital, in her 99th year. Mrx Katherine McKinnon Wood, widow of the late Professor Hugh McKinnon Wood, much loved mother of Jenniter and Robin. Grandmother. Grand Grandmother: Carnation at Hendon Crematorium, Holders Hill Road. 3pm Friday 14th February.

MONTHOSE On Monday Friday 14th. Memorial concert to be arranged. Friday 14th. Memorial concert to b

The British Heart Foundation.

WYNDHAM-WEST - On February 10th 1992 - after a long Riness. H. A. (Tony). aged 82 Funeral Service at Eitham Crematorium. February 24th 1992, at 11.15 am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Talking Books For The Blind. C/O Francis Chappell. Sideup YATES On Thursday February 6th 1992. Poacefully at Durnfries Infrimary. Or Margaret F Yales B. A. PhD. In her 88th year of Kirkdale House. Creetown. Durnfries & Calloway. Funeral on Thurday 13th Inst. Service in St. Andrews Chappel of Rest. Auchendoon Road. Newlon Siewart at 11am. Thereafter Interment at Kirkdale Cemeny. All friends respectuilly Invited.

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Stephen Dariel, Swaden, FCA,
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Chartered Accountants PO Box
863 30 Dastbourbe Terrace,
London W2 6LF.

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FRANS ROBEY DIRECTOR.

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Geoffrey G A Morphitis of Cape &
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G G A Morphitis, Liquidator.

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401 St. John Stryet. Loadon EC1A
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January 1992.
F F. A Wasselv, Liquidator.

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In the matter of Paul Macheth
Chelmaford Court
No. 167 or 1991.
Notice is hereby given that O C
A Morphilis of 401 St John
Street Longon ECLY 4LH was
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G C A Morphilis, Trustee. NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

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fis known creditors in full.

7 February 1992

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No 282 of 1991

STERLING
DESTILLERS LIMITED
On members voluntary
teguldebino
Company number: 74082
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS
OF STERLING DISTILLERS
LIMITED
On 29 January 1592 the company paged in members voluntary report was paged in members voluntary to under play the company was appointed Liquidator by the starcholders.

The Equidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the insolvency Rules 1986 that he handward of the creations and of 1880 that he handward of the company will be held on 27 February 1992 at a health of the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 31 March 1992 which is the leaf day for proving claims. The liquidator, at the above address by 31 March 1992 which is the leaf day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the Cabe mentioned will not be included in the distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the Cabe mentioned will not be included in the distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the Cabe mentioned will not be included in the distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the Cabe mentioned will not be included to the distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the Cabe mentioned will not be included to the distribution of the distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the Cabe mentioned will not be included to the distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the Cabe mentioned will not be included to the distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a province of the said Act who will furnish of the creditors with such information at the company of the creditors with such information of the creditors with such information and the creditors with such inf

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BURAN (c) In the stappes of Siberia, a sat. storm of a blizzardy natura, especially one accompanied by high winds, from the Turkish borns: HELMINTHOPHOBIA

(a) A neurotic and obsessive fear of being, or becoming, intested with worms, from the Greek helmins, helminth- an intestinal worms: "These obsessive ablations and abstinence from food is a symptom of her helminthophobin." SEELY

(a) Punctual, happy, blessed, from a Germanic word meaning luck or happiness, the modern offshoot in English is silly: "In gode tyme and seely to begynne their prentissehed." GILRAVAGE

(b) To feast or make merry in an excessive degree or in a riotone fashion, of unknown origin: "Ye had better stick to your anid trade o' theft-boot, blackmail, spreaghs, and gilravaging."

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Memorial.

OBITUARIES

LEON CLORE

Leon Clore, the film producer who backed many of the rising generation of British directors in the 1950s, died in London on February 10 aged 73. He was born in Brighton on July 9, 1918.

MORE than once Leon Clore was compared to Diaghilev. At first glance no comparison could seem more unlikely than that between the flamboyant Russian and the determinedly unassuming Englishman. And yet there is no denying that for a whole vital generation of British cinema Clore was a discoverer of talent, a bringer-together of people with complementary gifts as well as being general impresario and patron. Possibly the flowering of filmmaking which sprang from the Free Cinema movement in the 1950s failed finally to match the splendours of the Ballets Russes, but at least it happened, and the influence of Clore in bringing it about was crucial.

He was a quiet, retiring man. hardly even mentioned in most of the books about post-war British cinema. That is not surprising, since he had little interest in personal publicity and little time for anything he reckoned irrelevant to his work. What he did consider important was the fostering of creative talent, the making of good films, and the preservation of fairness and sanity in areas not noted for such qualities. He would fight to the death for his film-makers: whether it was to secure for the McCarthy exile Joseph Losey the freedom to work under his own name again on Time Without Pity after years of enforced pseudonymity: or to stand between Lind-say Anderson and the Ford Motor



Company on Every Day Except Christmas, which Ford had commissioned, to ensure that it had precisely the length and shape Anderson required. Clore was always rock-like in his determination.

He was born into what was to prove a family of self-made tycoons: The late Charles Clore was an uncle. Leon had not settled on a career when overtaken by the war, but he found a congenial kind of war service on the photographic side of flight reconnaissance in the RAF. After the war he went almost auto-

matically into documentary filmmaking, which was then still importantly sponsored by the goverriment through the Crown Film Unit. Before the unit was abolished in 1952 Clore had moved on into independent film-making and his first taste of major public success came with The Conquest of Everest, a documentary which was shown to the Queen to mark her coronation and subsequently had a successful circuit release.

At this time Clore had his own company called Basic Films and



Clore and, left, Meryl Streep and Jeremy Irons in The French Lieutenant's Woman directed by Karel Reisz

through this he was responsible for many shorts, usually sponsored by public companies and charities. Through it he met Lindsay Anderson who had happened to edit one of his early films in Clore's cutting rooms and had taken on Clore's future wife Miriam as an editing assistant. In 1955 Anderson agreed to help edit a film sponsored by the British Film Institute, Lorenza Mazetti's Together, and found there were no facilities to do so until these were obligingly supplied by Clore. From that time Clore was central to

the Free Cinema Movement. launched at the National Film Theatre with a season of that title in 1955. With his long-time left wing sympathies, Clore found young firebrands like Anderson and Karel Reisz congenial, and ended up producing important documentaries by both (Every Day Except Christmas and We are the Lambeth Boys respectively) as well as employing them in his fast-growing production of television commercials.

After his experience working with

Losey on Time Without Pity he was ready to go into full-scale feature production, starting modestly with Virgin Island (1958), a charming comedy directed by another ex-documentary man, Pat Jackson, and then working with Karel Reisz, with whom he produced Morgan — A Suitable Case for Treatment (1966), one of the key films of the Swinging Sixties (directed by Reisz himself). All Neat in Black Stockings (1969) was an indifferent comedy with Susan George. Clore's experiences in features were at once invigorating and disillusioning and for more than a decade he withdrew completely, until lured back by the idea of producing The French Lieutenant's Woman, from the novel by John Fowles, which reunited him with Karel Reisz

A man of quiet culture and unfailing (if slightly lugubrious) good humour, Leon Clore was one of those rare people in the film business with little ego, happy when he was working with a few close associated with the state of 51m. ciates and getting his kind of film

He is survived by his wife, Miriam, and their son Marius.

APPRECIATIONS

Alec Grant

YOU mentioned (obituary, February 5) Alec's particular interest in the advancement of higher education: and indeed I first met him some 20 years ago when he was the member of the then Inner London Education Authority most expert in the matters of

student grants. But there was another side to his life that no one who visited him could miss. Facing his desk in the Royal Courts of Justice was a large detailed aerial photograph of snow-covered mountain tops: and the principal decoration

Wainwright prints. Alec was at home in the hills, from the Chilterns to the Equator. He was an active

in his flat was a series of

member of the UK branch of the Austrian Alpine Club. and was planning a club meet for this month. The hills of the Lake District were his especial love: his ashes have now been scattered on a favourite top. And even in recent years, he could put off going for a blood test by referring to the effects of high altitude on the composition of the blood "since I have just returned from Kilimanjaro".

John Bevan

John Parry

AS A professional broadcaster whose career began while still a schoolboy in Rhodesia. entirely thanks to John Parry (obituary. February 7), who taught me all about broadcasting. I was lucky enough to work with and for him during what was probably his heyday in radio.

John Parry was Rhodesia Radio and, without any doubt, the most versanle and most talented broadcaster I have ever known. He could do

THOMAS PARKINSON

anything...he was blessed with the most beautiful voice which he put to the most wonderful use. He was an actor of distinction, a fine newsreader, most knowledgable about music, an original producer, a presenter of children's programmes and one of the best cricket commentators I have ever heard. Add to this his humour and unfailing humanity and I think it is no hyperbole to say that John Parry was one whose like will not be seen again.

Clive Roslin

Thomas Parkinson, Ameripreciate W. B. Yeats - his

can academic, critic of the Beat movement and poet, died in San Francisco on January 14 aged 71. He was born in San Francisco on February 24, 1920.

THOMAS Francis Parkinson was a professor on the Berkeley campus of the University of California from 1948 until his retirement last year, and as such wielded an enormous influence on generations of students. A Yeats scholar and one of the first academic historians of the Beat poets, he was also a leading participant in the movement known as the San Francisco Renaissance. He was unlucky never to become as widely known as some of the other poets in this move-

Parkinson received his degree from Berkeley in 1945 after a spell in the United States Army Air Force. He was an assistant professor-there from 1948 to 1953 and professor of English from 1960 until last year. He received a Guggenheim fellowship in 1957 and the American Book Award in 1988. He was a distinguished visitor at many universities, including St John's College. Oxford, where in 1984-85 he was senior research fellow.

A reticent man, he was nevertheless the unhappy victim, in 1961, of an attempted assassination. A religious fanatic who daimed that God had ordered him to shoot "commie professors" let loose with a shotgun in his office, wounding Parkinson in the face and killing a colleague.

Parkinson was a most eclectic man, who could aplife-long inspiration — as much as Walt Whitman. whose "redskin" tradition in American poetry, the San Francisco movement sought to continue and authenticate. Both his books on Yeats, W. B. Yeats, Self Critic (1951), a study of the early verse, and W. B. Yeats: The Later Poetry (1964), are highly thought of So, equally, is Poet, Poems, Movements (1987), for its sympathetic and wide-ranging treatment of so many differing traditions, from Lawrence Ferlinghetti to Robert Lowell.

A Casebook on the Beat was not the first book on the Beat movement but it was the first to treat the phenomenon with scholarly seriousness and understanding, and it has exercised considerable influence. A compilation of writings by and about Beat poets, it contains commentaries by the poets themselves. and comments, as Parkinson

put it, "pro and con". Parkinson was active in the ecological movement before most people were aware of it, as the essays and poems in Protect the Earth (1970) amply demonstrate. As a poet he tended to lack concentration. but largely compensated for this by his burning sincerity and feeling for the telling phrase. He wrote a valuable book on Hart Crane and Yvor Winters: Their Literary Correspondence (1978). But he will be remembered chiefly as an all-round man: an inspired and inspiring teacher. who always sought to balance literature with the real world. He is survived by his wife

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loseph Lister, later Lord Lister (1827-1912) was the founder of antiseptic medicine and a

pioneer in preventive medicine. As The Times leader put it, "the lives saved through Lister's art are those which would have ended, in which would have entaet, in the vast majority of cases, in grievous pain". He was one of the twelve original members of the Order of Merit.

LORD LISTER

In LORD LISTER, whose ing, a great man has passed away from the company of the living. If true worth be mea-sured by work accomplished for the benefit of mankind, very few worthier have lived and

It is no figure of speech to say that the whole civilized world will feel his loss and revere his memory, for every part of it has shared in the benefits he conferred on the human race. He may be called the great lifesaver. More than ten years ago. as the full memoir we publish on another page reminds us, it was computed that he had then already saved more human lives than all the wars of the nineseenth century had sacrificed; and the record has been

steadily rolling up ever since. It is a most wonderful achievement for one man and not easy to grasp. But there is probably little or no exaggeration in the statement. Nor does the saving of life - with all that it implies, in the relieving of anxiety, the conversion of sor-row into joy, and the enrichment of mankind - cover the

whole story.

The lives saved through LISTER's art are those which would have ended, in the vast majority of cases, in grievous pain. He has prevented not less suffering than premature death. How this has been brought about is explained in our memoir. The general public, though familiar with LIST-ER's name and aware that he was a great surgeon, has prob-ably but a vague idea of what he actually did. It may be summed up thus: he discover the principles and established the practice of scientific cleanliness and applied them to surgery. Thus stated, it does not sound much, and indeed the whole thing is now so self-evident, so simple and complete, that we have considerable difficulty in realising the

and their two daughters.

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state of ignorance which pre-vailed when he began his Into this field of conventional, orthodox practice, with its frightful tale of suffering and death, entered the man of genius, the pioneer. He began, as all the great lights of science have begun, by observ-ing the facts before him. He observed them more closely than his colleagues, and sought to explain them. He noticed the great mortality following op-erations and injuries in which the skin was broken and the tissues exposed to the air; and in attempting to remedy this prevalent evil, which was emphasised by the expansion of operative surgery due to the introduction of anaesthetics,

While pursuing the quest with open eyes and alert mind, he learnt of PASTEUR's final proof that the processes of fermentation and putrefaction were caused by the presence and growth of living or-ganisms. This gave him the

he was led to search for the

due he was looking for.
LISTER was the true type of scientific genius. He had the idea and the capacity to work it out with infinite pains. He saw surgery revolutionised. He saw all the old evils of his youth the dreadful festering wounds. the gangrene, blood-poisoning, and fever that decimated the hospitals - swept away, he saw operative mortality diminished to a fraction of what it had been; he saw limbs and lives saved which would formerly have had no chance, and vast new regions of surgery opened up. His dream had come true, and more, and it

was his doing.

ERNEST THORNTON

Ernest Thornton, MBE. former Labour MP for Farnworth and junior minister in the first Wilson government, died on Feb-ruary 5 aged 86. He was born on May 18, 1905.

ERNEST Thornton was the type of Labour MP which no longer exists. He started work on his 13th birthday, learned his politics at socialist Sunday school, was a union official in his twenties and served as mayor of his home town before becoming an MP. He was a small, pipe-smoking figure, an infrequent speaker in the House but a man who worked himself to exhaustion when he entered the government. For many years men and women like Thornton provided the backbone of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

Thornton was a cotton man. He was born into the industry in Burnley. His father and mother were both cotton workers and Thornton followed them the day he left Walverden Council School in Nelson. He earned four shillings a week for a 12-hour day for a five-day week. He never had any doubts about his politics and during his teens he was an ardent member of the old Independent Labour Party. After eight years as a weaver he became a costing clerk, having attended the evening classes which he always regarded as his true education. By 1929 he had become a full-time official of the trade union movement which would dominate so much of his life.

He was appointed assistant secretary of the Weavers and Winders Association in Rochdale, the town which was to become his home, and in 1940 he became the union's secretary. In the wider union field he was secretary of the United Textile Factory Workers Association from 1943 to 1953 and president of the Amalgamated Weavers Association from 1960 to 1965. His knowledge of industry was recognised by his membership, from 1943 to 1948. of the Lord President's Advisory Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and of the council of the British Cotton Industry Research As-

sociation (1948-1953). He was elected to Rochdale Council during the 1930s and in 1942 he became the youngest mayor at the age of 37. When George Tomlinson, the former education minister who had also begun

work as a cotton weaver, died in 1952, Thornton was a popular choice to succeed him as the MP for Farnworth. He won the by-election comfortably by more than 7,000 votes — a majority which Thornton had more than doubled by the time he fought his last general

In the House he was naturally regarded as one of the major authorities on textiles and when Harold Wilson became prime minister in 1964 Thornton was appointed joint parliamentary secretary at the Ministry of Labour. His great achievement was Bill, which benefited 785,000 workers after he had piloted it through the Commons.



When the prime minister offered him office again after the 1966 Labour victory Thornton decided that he had had enough of government. He soldiered on as MP until 1970 when he decided that it was time for a younger MP to take his seat.

Thornton will be remembered with gratitude in Hong Kong for his part in restrict-ing the working hours of women and children. The conditions he saw there horrified him. His dedication to textile workers everywhere produced his successful pleas to the British government to change what was happening in Hong Kong. He was ap-pointed MBE in 1951 and in 1970 was a deputy lieutenant for Manchester Metropolitan

County. He was married, in 1930, to Evelyn Ingham, of Nelson, who died in 1983. They had two sons, one of whom died in infancy.

FRITZI GORDON

Fritzi Gordon, international bridge player, died in London on February The official encylopaedia of bridge gives her year of birth as 1916.

FRITZI Gordon formed part of the most famous — and most tempestuous — women's partnership in the history of bridge. With Rixi Markus she won the world mixed teams event in 1962, the Women's World Team Olympiad in 1964 (these being the only two bridge olympiad events Britain has ever won) and the world women's pairs in 1962 and, by a record margin, in 1974. She also won the women's European Championship seven times, had numerous successes in British events and was the second woman to attain the rank of world grandmaster - Marcus being the

Born in Vienna of middle class Jewish parents. Fritzi Gordon became the buyer moved to Graz on marriage. After the Anschluss she fled with her husband Paul to London.

Among the many Austrian refugees who came to Britain was her brother Hans, a ranking bridge expert, and Dr Paul Stern, a bridge "great" who had returned his Iron Cross to Hitler and was No. 11 on the Nazi hit list. In this company Gordon quickly showed a talent for the game. When war came her husband joined the Pioneer Corps. which excepted her from the curfew imposed on most enemy aliens. This was no small consideration, as by now she was winning regularly at appreciable stakes in clubs such as Crockfords, the Hamilton, and the Lyndhurst, where play often continued late at night



When tournament bridge revived after the war she soon began to make her mark but her partnership with the innately-talented Marcus did not begin until 1951. It was owed to the inspiration of Sydney Lee, a physician and leading bridge player who captained the British women's team in that year's European championship. At half-time in their last vital match Britain seemed

headed for defeat so Lee decided on a last throw: he broke up two established partnerships and formed a new combination. Britain won the championship and the new partnership became the most awesome that women's bridge has known, combining exceptional skill with an apparent power to unnerve oppo-nents, not limited to other women. Marcus, too, had fled the Nazis, yet

despite this shared background the two never became friends: as persons, they had in common only their bridge skills and a tigerish appetite for success. Their bickering in bridge post-mortems, which they kept in check when representing Britain, could at other times make the rivalries of actresses and prima donnas seem bland, and although Gordon could not match Marcus's speed and accuracy of analysis, her barbs sometimes struck home. Once Marcus broke an iron rule by passing her partner's forcing bid: minigation Marcus pleaded a precedent from the distant past, where a plus score could have been obtained only by passing a similar forcing bid. Gordon was able to remember the hand. "Yes, Rixi." she purred, "But on that occasion it was you who made the forcing bid."

Sometimes the two would break up their partnership and not speak to each other for months or longer; but although both could win with other partners (and Marcus continues to do so), they recognised that the true magic worked only when they played together. Their last big tournament was the Monte Carlo Olympiad in 1976.

Gordon's skill at bridge earned her an affluent old age. She is survived by her daughter.

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THOMAS TALBOT

Thomas Talbot, CB, QC, who died on February 8 aged 87, was Counsel to the Chairman of Commit-

tees in the House of Lords, 1953-77 and assistant counsel for a further five years until his retirement in 1982. He was born on December 21, 1904.

THE most important function of the post of Counsel to the Chairman of Committees in the House of Lords lies in the field of private legislation and it is no secret that the holder can exercise a considerable influence over the form and content of private bills. Tom Talbot set about doing so and made a notable contribution in that regard. He was concerned at the proliferation of powers sought by local authorities and at the unnecessary deviations in the form of clauses aimed at achieving similar effects in different parts of the country. He devoted his energies to trying to achieve a rationalisation of the private statute book.

Thomas George Talbot was the son of Sir George Talbot, the distinguished high court judge. He was called to the bar by the Inner Temple in 1929 and practised until he joined the Scots Guards in 1940. He was invalided out in 1944 after losing part of a leg and then joined the Office of Parliamentary Counsel. There he remained until he became Counsel to the Chairman of Committees.

His first attempt at bringing greater clarity and reason to the private statute book through the 1959 Joint Committee of both Houses on the Promotion of Private Bills was not successful. The joint committee took evidence from Talbot but their recommendations must have disappointed him. Indeed, they reversed decisions already taken by the Chairman of Committees and Chairman of Ways and Means which Talbot had supported. The Local Government Act 1972 gave Talbot the opporact provided that as from a given date all local authority private acts would be repealed. In consequence it was necessary for local authorities to seek fresh powers from Parliament. The South Glamorgan Bill of 1974-75 was the first of the new local authority bills. It had a slow passage through the Lords with the promoters being re-quired to prove their need for many of those powers they had had previously. Talbot's inclination would have been to be far more restrictive in granting new powers than Parliament eventually was. His efforts to achieve consistency in local authority legis-

rewarded with the issue in 1977 of a series of 85 "common clauses" for use in the new local authority bills that were to follow the South Glamorgan Bill. With his successor as Counsel to the Lord Chairman he

lation were however,

settling the form of these clauses. When he retired in 1982 his ambition for a more consistent and less cluttered private statute book was more than half realised. Talbot was also involved in the lengthy proceedings on whether the Callaghan gov-ernment's Aircraft and Ship-

building Bill of 1977 was hybrid. Normally, questions of hybridity are decided by one of the clerks of private bills of the two Houses who act also as examiners. However, because of the importance of this particular examination and the mass of legal argument, counsel to the Speaker and Talbot were both additionally appointed examiners. It is no secret that the examiners' report, a masterly analysis of hybridity, was largely written by Talbot. Outside the House, Talbot

was active in the life of the Inner Temple of which he was made a bencher in 1960. He leaves his widow, Cynplayed a prominent part, in consultation with a number thia, and four children.

Memorial service

Mr Peter Willes A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Peter Willes was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated.

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and Mr Harold Pinter, Mr Hugh Whitemore and Miss Dorothy Tutin gave addresses. Among others present were: Mr Dudley Pishbara, MP, Lord Hanson, Lady Sarah Bally, Lady Hersey Goring, Lady Antonia Pinter, Lady (Patricia)

Mr John Stride gave a reading

Potter.

Mr John Fairley (director of programmes, Yorkshire Television) with Mr Keith Richardson (director of drama), Mr Vernou Lawrence (director of entertainments), Dr Geoff Brownies (controller, corporate affairs), Mrs Carol Ormerod, Mr Richard Whiteley, Mr David Reynolds, Miss Barbara Hosking, and other past and present members of

staff, Mr Jerry Taylor (Channel Four Television), Mr D Hellewell (Tyne Tees Television), Colonel John Clark-Ken-nedy, Major R M Collins and Major Gerald Charrington (Rth/12th Royal Lancers), Mr Alan Cowle Roben Holden), Mr Alan Piater (Witters' Guild of Great Britain), Mr Brian Codd (Roger Hancock).

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Latest wills

Sir Terence Charles Stuart Morrison-Scott, of Fernhurst, West Sussex, Director of the British Museum (Natural History) 1960-68, and formerly of the Science Museum, 1956-60, left estate valued at £14,588 net.

Mr Frank George Griffith Carr. of Blackheath, south-east London, Director of the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich 1947-66, left estate valued at E525,383 net Martha Bart, of Arkley,

£189,596 net. She left her entire estate to her trustees for the relief of cancer sufferers. Patricia Margaret Wright, of Little Hadham, Hertfordshire,

Hertfordshire, left estate valued at

left estate valued at £231,917 net. She left her estate equally between the Hedley Arkins unit at Guy's Hospital London, and the Friends of Covent Garden. Other estates include (net, before

tunity to bring some order

Mr Arthur Battley, of Surfleet, Lincolnshire..... £517,781. Mrs James Rodney Cooper. of Chorley, Lancashire £549,950. Mrs Daphne Miranda Covington, of Graffham, West£1,029,076. Sussex.. Mrs Doris Winifred Dix. of Northampton _______ [762,782. Mr John Ruskin Buckhell Latimer, of Newbold. Derbyshire...

Birthdays today

General Sir John Akehurst, 62: General Sir John Archer, 68; Professor A.H. Beckett, former professor of pharmacy, 72; Lord Brocket, 40: Viscount Chandos, 39; Miss Annette Crosbie, actress. 34; Mr Howard Davies, controller, Audit Commission for Local Authorities in England and Wales, 41.

Sir James Dunnen, civil servant, 78; Dr K.J.R. Edwards, vice-chancellor, Leicester University, 58; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fieldhouse, 64; Mr Stephen Gibbs, former chairman, Turner and Newall, 72; Lord Granville of Eye, 93; Lord Greene of Harrow Weald, 82; Mr Paul Hamlyn, £553,957. publisher, 66;Miss Christine Hancock, general-secretary, Royal College of Nursing, 49. Mr Anthony Howard, political iournalist.

Sir Robin Mackworth-Young. Librarian Emeritus to The Queen, 72; Lord Morison, 61; Lord Moyola, 69; Mr John Raisman, former chairman, Shell UK. 63.

Mr Justice Rougier, 60; Sir Aubrey Trotman-Dickenson, principal, University of Wales College of Cardiff, 66; Lord Wigoder, QC, 71; Mr Albert Williams, trades unionist, 65; Mr Franco Zeffirelli, opera, film and theatrical producer and designer,

American troops to stay in Europe, Quayle tells Hurd

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

VICE-PRESIDENT Dan Quayle yesterday reassured Britain that American troops would stay in Europe for as long as they were needed, and repeated his denials that there was a link with progress of the Gatt trade talks.

He told Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, that America had a firm commitment to the defence of Europe. Quite separately, he voiced Washington's concern about the

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much. I worked myself into

the ground. I now plan a long

holiday and who knows what

The judge gave the prosecu-

tion seven days to decide

whether to carry on the case

against Lord Spens before a

new jury.
This is the second time in

five days that one of the four

proposed trials arising from

the Guinness affair has been

abandoned. Last Friday, the

SFO said that it would offer

no evidence in what would

have been Guinness III, also involving Mr Seelig. Eliza-beth Gloster, QC, for the SFO, said that new evidence

presented by his co-defendant

David Mayhew, of the stock-

broker Cazenove, made con-

In Guinness II, jurors have, since the start of the year, heard just two and a half days

of evidence from witnesses,

Naylor, aged 36, described by

the crown as one of Clowes's

lieutenants, was jailed for 18

months, convicted on one

charge of theft arising out of

During the 112-day trial

the jury heard how Clowes,

aged 49, of Wilmslow, Chesh-

ire, had siphoned off inves-

tors' cash and lived "the life of

Riley". He had bought a vine-

vard, a chateau, a luxury

yacht, fast cars and an expen-

sive house. The Gibraltar-

the collapse.

victions unlikely.

I shall be doing after that."

slow progress on Gatt, where Washington has strongly criticised the European Community's tough stand on agriculture. Mr Hurd agreed that a successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round was a "political imperative".

Mr Quayle has been embarrassed by the furore over his reported threat to withdraw US troops if Europe did not make concessions on Gatt. He twice denied mak-

much of it intensive cross-

examination by Mr Seelig on

points that they could not

answer. There had also been

long legal arguments.

The judge said that last year he had advised Mr

Seelig to seek medical help

with the doctor reporting to

the judge, but he had replied

that his time was better spent

on his defence. "Prophetically

and significantly, he did not

want to have the trial stopped

because of his medical condi-

tion," the judge said. Mr Seelig had later been

prescribed anti-depressants.

A mild stroke in 1990 had

caused some brain damage.

Two psychiatrists had diag-

nosed agitated depression

and high anxiety, preventing

The judge said: "His emot-

reserves were

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national should have had

£115 million worth of invest-

ments. Receivers found only

£1.9 million in gilts. The rest

Anthony Hacking, QC.

counsel for Clowes, said his

client would not benefit from

the fraud. "For him it is a

story of rags to riches, and

back to rags," he said in mitigation. Clowes faced civil

proceedings involving writs of

more than £100 million which would bankrupt him.

had gone.

sustained concentration.

Seelig illness halts

Guinness trial

Clowes sentenced for

'Britain's worst fraud'

trade talks, and suggested that several senators and conressmen were ready to press for troop cuts if they failed. Mr Quayle, who is returning home through London

after a tour of the Baltic states, also sought Britain's views on aiding the former Soviet Union, Mr Hurd emphasised the need for early membership of the International Monetary Fund for Russia and Ukraine, and again pressed Britain's view that the West should underpin a rouble stabilisation fund as swiftly as possible.

ing any such statement at a

recent security conference in Munich. But he told Mr

Hurd that Congress was in a

belligerent mood over the

The repatriation from Hong Kong of another group of Vietnamese boat people today was also a main topic of Mr Quayle's talks with Mr Hurd. Washington has quietly dropped its earlier outspoken opposition, especially after the US navy began returning Haitian refugees from the American base at Guantanamo in Cuba. However, Mr Quayle caused anger in Hong Kong on Mon-day when he described all Vietnamese boat people as political refugees, even though the US agreed three years ago that many are economic migrants who must go home.

Speaking in Geneva, Mr Quayle rejected comparisons with the exodus from Haiti, and said that all the Haitian refugees were screened. Mr Hurd reminded him that all those to be repatriated to Viet-nam had been screened to ensure that none was a political refugee. Britain is hoping that today's operation, the first since December 10, will go ahead without protest.

British and American demands for the extradition from Libya of the two men accused of the Lockerbie bombing were also discussed. Both sides said they were satisfied with the progress made in the United Nations Security Council. The For-eign Office yesterday reacted sceptically to a Washington Post report that the two had

Mr Quayle had talks with John Major and dinner at Downing Street before returning to Washington last

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Healing visit: The Princess of Wales at the Tai Mahal with a guide yesterday

Princess visits monument to love

THE Princess of Wales went alone yesterday to India's monument to love, the Taj Mahal. while her husband met architecture students. and businessmen in Delhi. The white marble mausoleum built by the 17th century Shah Jehan for his wife was cleared of tourists for the princess's visit, which she described as "a

While in Agra, the princess also toured a Marie Stopes family planning clinic, where she questioned pregnant women about their circumstances. Dr Sudesh Bahl Dhall, who helped to found the charity's Indian wing, was

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delighted by the princess's concern, saying: "I think it will give a lot of push to our work."

Before flying from Delhi to Agra, the princess had joined the prince in an extended visit to Sonia Gandhi, the widow of the former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi, and they are expected to meet her again before leaving India on Samiday.

Addressing the Indo-British Industrialists' Forum, the prince praised the economic re-forms of the prime minister, PV Narasimha Rao, and predicted that the economy was poised to take a dramatic leap forward.

Wet and windy in many places,

Political sketch

Howard takes the shine off

here was a man called There was a man trail Gerald Ratner, said Labour's Dawn Primarolo (Bristol S) "who had a selling technique for getting rid of ... She paused. Mr Speaker frowned. "...

Ms Primarolo did not use Mr Ratner's word, and nor shall L Let us just say that. in a choice between a Ratner earring a prawn sandwich and yesterday's "white paper" from employment secretary Michael Howard, it's a toss-up between sandwich and

It was a plastic earring of a white paper. A party political broadcast, really, it was called "People, Jobs and Opportunities". The people were Tory ministers, the jobs were their own and the opportunity was for Mr Howard to strut the political stage before a general

Unluckily for him, it was also an opportunity for his Labour shadow, Tony Blair, to do the same: and, crisp though Howard's parlia-

Blair's are just as good. White paper in hand, Howard rose to tell us what was in it, starting with the phrase "agenda for action". We guessed there was noth-

The first page (of three and a half) contained only abstract nouns. "Widen the choices", "respond to the aspirations", "enable the potential of each and every individual person" (aargh!)
"to be released ...". MPs realised that the individual person whose potential Mr Howard especially wanted to be released was Mr Howard's potential to be something better than em-

ployment secretary. He launched into the second page with an airy wave: 'It contains fourteen new proposals". He would "con-fine" himself to "a summa-ry of the most important". Aha! So this was just a fore-taste of the cornucopia of legislative fruit still ripening in his ministerial locker. These were the pine-apples, today. MPs were soon wondering how insig-nificant could be the

gooseberries he was not bothering them with. First, he said, he would be venturing *proposals* for a type of indenture (he avoided this word) whereby a trainee might be bound to trained him. Venturing proposals is what MPs call a green paper, to distinguish it from a white paper, but

mentation when there's an

election on? "Second, we shall continue to promote the development. by voluntary means of employee involvement and responsive pay arrangements "rewarding individual perfomance" Golly. So much for the rumour-that government wants unresponsive pay arrangements which fail to reward performance.

Third — brace yourselves: this one's a stunner - "we shall enable libraries to make available to the public vocational learning materials and back-up services". The glazed looks by now evident on the faces of his own side were probably just shock at the size of this challenge. But the minister struck out for yet wilder shores: "Fourthly, we shall continue to tailor the help we offer to people to the needs of individuals ..." wave by wave. Mr How-ard's impossible dreams rolled over the dispatch box, each braver than the

last. "Fifthly, we shall work with other member states for an EC which supports an increase in the number of jobs available. **Sould** there be more, or were we too shellshocked to take it in? "Finally ... I am announcing an important new initiative

to provide credits to people

... Individuals will be able

to use the credits to pur-

chase a 'skill check'

help "map out their future training and career op-tions." This was the prawn sandwich. We had reached page four. Two paragraphs of vi-sion followed — "vital to our future", "ladders of op-portunity" ... and Mr

Howard sat down. Labour's Tony Blair arose and pulled the sandwich apart, extracting the admission that there might be no new money to pay for the prawns unless the Treasury provided it.

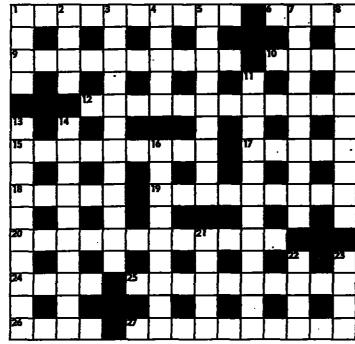
After Blair, other MPs rose to question the minister. Edwina Currie turned her enquiry into a discreet personal skill check, mapping out her future training and career options: she essayed an elegant little rant about Labour's folly. David Nicholson (C. Taunton) said something about "availability for work".

Mr Howard, I think, un derstood what Mr Nicholson meant.

MATTHEW PARRIS

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,839



ACROSS

I Destitute and miserable, but charity doesn't begin here (4-3-

6 Complaint arising from meat (4). 9 A good hand for Hull, say, after

10 Covered walk in which a lot of ermine may be seen (4).

12 What thieves do with my prop-erty, I assure you - and I know!

15 Counsel perplexed about medical man ... (9). 17 ... a miscreant in lifelong deten-

tion (5). 18 Presses for a form of restraint (5). 19 Incidental information about one's transport (9).

20 Everyone is in place for the investiture (12).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,838



24 What's the point in splitting a

26 A clergyman about to affirm here Circuit ministers — one goes to 24 and preaches noisily (10).

I A fish out of water absorbs oxygen (4). Listening, learned the reasons

3 Stay in Dallas put off to the first of November (3,6,3).

4 In fact mostly a perk for research 5 Outstanding one from overseas took up residence (9).

7 Gloomy note struck by the study of cricket and such (10). 8 Bird - it makes an appearance in baule order (10). 11 Clever baseball player taking a

dip (6,6). 13 Being good, girl's climbing skill secured plant (10). 14 It's serious when bunk has to accommodate a number (2-8).

16 Soldiers with ruler, their leader, are following naturally (9). Cards left at the start - they are left of necessity (5).

22 Raised bats to strike senseless (4). 23 Measures god (4).

Concise crossword is on page 11 of Life & Times WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definit are correct? By Philip Howard a. A raisin chapatti
b. A small mountain sheep
c. A violent snowstorm HELMINTHOPHOBIA

a. Terror of worms b. Fear of growing up c. Terror of Shrinks SEELY a. Blessed or happy b. Fast-drying bath grout c. A type of lerrier GILRAVAGE a. The Nethers

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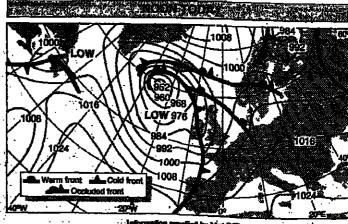
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Allied-Lyons, a cocktail of food and drinks businesses, is trying to simplify the mix and to cope with the beer industry after the MMC restructuring

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British Coal has returned to the European complaints of American coal "dumping"

TAKEOFF

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preparing to launch GPA, the world's largest aircraft leasing group, on the stock market

EXPENSIVE

Litigation has to be the most expensive method of settling differences short of warfare, a Lloyd's underwriter said

CAMOUFLAGE



warned countries not to use environmental protectionist policies Page 22

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Exchange index

concerns as an excuse for

on recovery

has retreated from the optimistic reading of the economy it gave in November to report that the recession has become the longest since the war and that recovery is proving Its gloomy reassessment, in

the latest Quarterly Bulletin. confirmed the picture outlined by Treasury officials last week. The Bank's current view is founded mainly on the lack of consumer confidence at home, but the worsening international environment is seen as important. Although the Bank can still see no sign of a "double-dip" recession in Britain, it is concerned about signs of a decline in

Instead of the modest recovery it. like Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, had predicted for the second half of 1991, the Bank now says no recovery took place last

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT THE Bank of England year. Until the new year, Mr Lamont and Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank, were still talking of recovery being under way, though difficult to discern. Partial data have subsequently convinced the government that recovery will be weaker

and slower to arrive than Mr

Lamont forecast in his au-.

tumn statement in

'Still bumping along the bottom'

Gloomy Bank

backs down

November. The economy is now expected to grow about 1 per cent this year, less than half that forecast in the autumn statement, after a decline of *2.5 per cent in 1991, the steepest calendar year drop

since the great depression.
The Bank, while confirming that the recession has lasted six quarters, was reluctant to predict precisely when it will end, although its central assumption is that "modest, slow" recovery will come this year. Officials say the economy is "still bumping

Treasury cheered by producer prices

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Treasury hailed as "excellent news" the latest official data on producer prices, which showed inflation at Britain's factory gates running at an annual 4.5 per cent in January, the lowest increase since mid-1988.

Keen to highlight its success in combating inflation, in the absence of any signs of economic upturm, the Treasury has, in recent months, sought to underline the reduction of underlying inflationary pressure as a key part of the foundations being laid for a sustained and low-infla-

The Central Statistical Office figures showed the output price of manufactured goods rising 0.7 per cent in Janu-

ary. However, the annual rate slowed to 4.5 per cent from 4.9 per cent in December. More important, the core

co prices, decelerated to an annual 3.1 per cent, the lowest since August 1969. In crease was 3.7 per cent. The official retail prices index, due on Friday, is expect-ed to show annual inflation slowing to about 4.3 per cent

cludes food, drink and tobac-

in January from 4.5 per cent The producer price data were broadly in line with City expectations and confirmed the widespread view that inflation was not a concern for

the government at present.

The Bank said the Central Statistical Office's leading indicators continue to rise, sugin the past accompanied recovery" were again in place. Real incomes and consump tion, however, were "essentially flat".

The Bank is particularly concerned about the risk posed by the fall in house prices and its impact on consumer confidence — hence its strong support for Mr Lamont's decision in December to lift stamp duty on houses temporarily.

The Bank indicated that market expectations of an early cut in domestic rates were a misreading of its recent actions. But its message on inflation suggests that core inflation close to an annual 2 per cent is well within grasp, which could give scope for interest rate cuts this year. Despite subdued growth of the money supply, the Bank voiced confidence that Britain does not face the "credit crunch" restraining recovery in America.

The bulletin said the international environment remained tough. The American recovery had faltered, Japa-nese growth had decelerated rather faster, and the Europe-an economies, especially Ger-many, had also slowed. Against this backdrop, Brit-ain's performance had been "disappointing". The Bank said manufacturing output had continued to decline. after seeming to stabilise last nmer, and a himi service sector output was likely to prove a "false dawn". Reserve Board chairman, told a banking conference in San Antonio, Texas, that the Fed believes the amount of money in the economy after recent cuts in interest rates should be adequate to stimulate growth. He reiterated that the Fed is prepared to ease further if necessary. His remarks prompted a dollar retreat on the foreign ex-

Ofgas rejects consumer claims

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR James McKinnon, the gas industry regulator, has rejected claims by British Gas that consumers in the South-West of Britain, and large industrial customers, could lose as a consequence of moves to increase competition.

The director general of gas supply said British Gas has

no reason to introduce transmission charges which relate to distance, nor to reduce sales under contracts which allow supplies to be halted at

regional pricing in the tariff sector it will be, in my view, a vindictive step," Sir James

Sale boards up at Panini PRICE Waterhouse, adminpressed interest and owner-

istrator to Maxwell Communication Corporation, plans to send a sale memorandum on Panini, MCC's Italian football card publisher, to interested parties next week. It hopes to complete a sale by the end of March.

Panini made profits on aumover of £160 million in its latest accounts but has not traded so successfully since. About 25 companies have extimes of peak demand.
"If British Gas does create

ship is not disputed. Panini is one of severa European interests of MCC

that the administrators are trying to sell. The exhibitions and information services divisions of Maxwell Business Communications Group might be sold by the end of this month. The business magazine division is likely to take longer to sell because of its diverse nature.

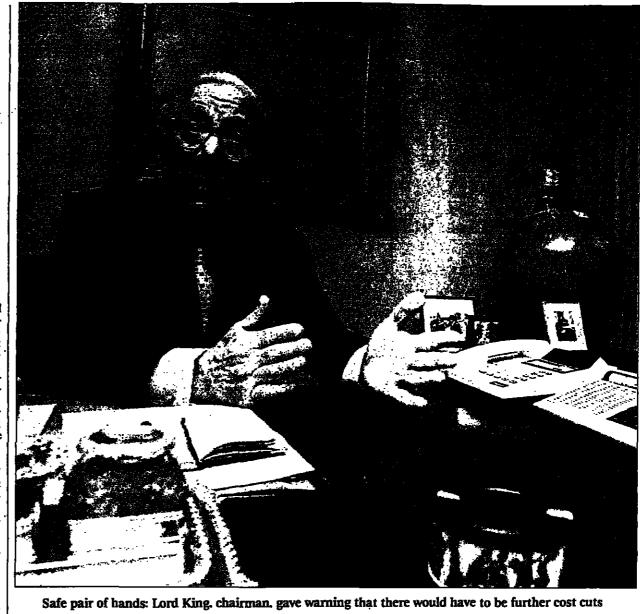
said. He said regional pricing would add to British Gas's costs, and said there would be no profit advantage because the Office of Gas Supply (Ofgas) allowed the company a return on its transmission business as a whole.

Sir James also insisted new

change markets.

suppliers entering the gas market should make gas available under interruptible contracts, ensuring total interruptible volumes did not diminish. Sir James's assault came as he unveiled the Ofgas annual report. The report showed a 130 per cent increase last year, to 918, in the number of serious complaints about British Gas made to Ofgas by the company's customers. North Thames region and South Eastern region continued to the occasion complaints.

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BA flies above forecasts **Amstrad** plunges to its BRITISH Airways soared ahead of stock market forecasts in the third quarter. Prefirst loss tax profits in the three months to December 31 rose

fivefold to £100 million, send-

ing the shares up 23p to 248p.
Results for the same period

of 1990 had been badly af-

fected by the run-up to the

Gulf war, said Sir Colin Mar-

shall, the chief executive: air-

line passenger figures had

analysts had expected little

more than £35 million before

In the last nine months of

1991, BA made pre-tax prof-

its of £285 million, down

from £340 million. The

workforce was cut 11 per cent to just under 49,000, but staff

costs rose by 5 per cent because of an 11 per cent pay settlement dating from the start of 1991. Lord King, the

chairman, appeared to be

preparing employees for fur-ther cuts. "We are positioning

tax this time.

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By JONATHAN PRYNN

AMSTRAD, the electronics group headed by Alan Sugar, has announced its first loss after suffering a dramatic fall in sales in the second half of

The deficit before the six months to end-December was £15.2 million, com-pared with a pre-tax profit of 640.1 million for the same period in 1990. Turnover slumped from £326.6 million to £196.1 million as a result of the company's withdrawal from the electronic games market and an oversupply of personal computers. The interim dividend was main-

tained at 0.4p.

Mr Sugar said that trading conditions remained tough but that the company was seeing signs of a slight recov ery in the German market, and that prices in the personal computer market were

bottoming out.
"We have no intention of giving up our position in the computer market, and we believe we are weathering the storm in which too many manufacturers were chasing the same recession-affected consumer market," he said.

Mr Sugar said that stock levels were higher than ex-pected, but he was confident that the book value of the stocks would be realised, and that no significant writedowns would be needed in the second half. Last year the company wrote down the value of its unsold computers by £20.4 million.

The company has net cash balances of £40 million and net assets at the half-year end of 54p a share. Mr Sugar said the strong balance sheet combined with a cost-cutting restructuring and the launch of new products meant the group was "laying very good foundations for a recovery in our next financial year". The shares closed up 2p at 28p.

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TAP Super Navigator. The business

By MARTIN WALLER

ourselves well to take advan-

tage of economic recovery when it happens in our major

markers." he said. "Mean-

while, in these uncertain con-

ditions, it is essential to seek

BA made no reference to

the much-discussed link with

KLM, the Dutch carrier.

though earlier indications

had been that the two com-

panies had aimed to reach an

to be keen on a merger, but

talks have become bogged

down on the question of the

profit shares they would draw

from the venture. KLM has

said BA wants an 80 per cent

share, to reflect the greater

cost savings and efficiencies it has achieved; BA is apparent-

ly not convinced by the Dutch

counter-argument that KLM

should take 40 per cent. BA's

unexpectedly good financial performance therefore adds

weight to its arguments.

There has been further dis-

further cost savings."

agreement this week.

agreement over the livery for

a merged group. BA believes its distinctive branding is

superior to that of the Dutch

Sir Colin said the last nine

months of 1991 saw an oper-

ating surplus of £319 million.

ahead by 14 per cent. That largely reflected the return to

profit after the Gulf war.

There was an extraordinary

item of £140 million from the

sale of the business previously carried out by BA Engine

Turnover for the third

quarter was up 6 per cent to

£1.31 billion. Passenger numbers fell 3.1 per cent but

a better passenger mix brought improved yields. 7

per cent. Lower average fuel

prices, together with lower

consumption and improved

fuel efficiency, produced fuel and oil costs of £136 million,

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a saving of 28 per cent.

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Batiment, the national building federa-

some of the subcontractors to demonstrate at the theme park on the opening day and after calls on the French gov ernment to become involved in the matter. However, the resolution of the subcontractors' difficulties does not by itself constitute an end to the dispute with the 16 main contractors about the alleged cost overruns. The spokesman said, however, that progress was being

Disney to compensate workers

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

EURO Disneyland, the group that is building the Disney theme park outside Paris, has agreed to compensate 40 subcontractors left stranded after they had been refused payment by one of the project's 16 main building contractors. The move has been interpreted as a first step by Euro Disneyland to defuse a dispute that broke out last month when the main contractors claimed an additional Fr850 million to cover cost overruns resulting from extra work carried out. The dispute raised concern that the opening of the £2.2 billion project, scheduled for April 12, might have to be delayed, although Euro Disneyland has always maintained that

the opening date was never under Euro Disneyland yesterday took a

partial step in resolving the problems by agreeing to compensate 40 subcontractors that are owed money from the Gabot/Eremco contracting group. A spokesman said the amount could not yet be determined but added it would run into tens of millions of francs. Euro Disneyland does not have any specific obligations towards the subcontractors, but the move is regarded as a gesture to show the company's determination to resolve the conflict with the main

The spokesman said Euro Disneyland paid Gabot/Eremeo for extra work being carried out, but there was a dispute over the amount. He said: "If we did not pay, the subcontractors would go into bankruptcy. We call this blackmail. We could not accept that."

In a statement released yesterday, Euro Disneyland said: "This agreement made to resolve that issue.

tion, and a local builders' federation. The settlement came after threats by

bears testimony to Euro Disney's will-

ingness to take into account a difficult

and, in some cases, dramatic situation,

into which these companies have been

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By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

GPA, the world's largest aircraft leasing company, has quickly shrugged off the airline industry's troubles to make a record quarterly profit before its planned international share flotation.

In the three months to end-December, GPA, which is based in Ireland but accounts in dollars, recorded net profits after tax of \$73 million. compared with \$55 million a year earlier, on revenue up 12 per cent to \$584 million. The rise in net profit reflects a recovery in sales of packages of aircraft on operating lease to investors but is partly due to lower bonuses and a lower tax charge.

The autumn recovery reversed a 12 per cent fall in profits in the first six months to leave nine month profits marginally up at \$197 million. Earnings are up from

\$1.65 to \$1.69 per share. Dr Tony Ryan, the chairman said: "Last year was one of the toughest in the history of civil aviation. It was the first year since 1945 traffic did not grow, but growth has recommenced and we expect it to continue over the re-mainder of the decade. We reacted to the downturn by

Asil Nadir

for trial at

Old Bailey

Asil Nadir, the former chair-

accounting involving almost

£100 million.

unconditionally.

Penal levies on

Korean radios

The European Commission

imposed provisional anti-dumping duties of up to 38.3

per cent on Korean car radi-

os, on the ground that unfair

pricing had wiped out Euro-

pean makers' profit margins.

The commission said imports

of Korean car radios had

risen by 190 per cent between

1985 and 1990, taking Kore-

an makers' market share

More than 50 of about 70 Korean companies involved had declined to co-operate

with a pricing investigation

and would have to pay the full

anti-dumping duty. The oth-

ers — including Goldstar, Hyundai and Samsung — would be subject to duties of

between 0.25 and 33.95 per

Jenkins in black

Dudley Jenkins, a dîrect mail

from 15 to 27.4 per cent.

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and controlling overheads". Profit margins on operating leases have fallen, partly because hedging against interest rate movements left little benefit from falling rates, but margins on selling aircraft on lease to investors, which accounts for about 60

per cent of profits, improved. Maurice Foley, the chief executive, said the airline industry had not yet recovered financial stability. Airlines were generally emerging from the recession and the impact of the Gulf war, but with fragile balance sheets.

GPA has four aircraft on lease to TWA, which has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in-America. These were likely to be reclaimed and placed elsewhere if TWA does not resume payments after the 60 day moratorium. The group has 27 non-performing leases out of its total owned and managed portfolio of 392. Mr Foley said that on average, payments were about 12 days overdue, though still 18

days in advance.

During 1991, GPA secured \$2.2 billion of new finance, including a \$500 mil-

lion bond issue in December. Liquidity improved after being run down in the early months of the year. Mr Foley said GPA and Citibank were in an advanced stage of talks on a proposed global closedend institutional fund that could own about \$500 million of modern aircraft on

operating leases from GPA...

No decision has yet been taken on the timing of the planned simultaneous flotation in New York, London and Tokyo, but it seems likely to be in the late spring. Be tween \$700 million and \$1 billion of shares may be sold, including new money and some shares from larger exist-ing shareholders such as Aer Lingus and Air Canada.

The flotation will be aimed principally at institutional investors and would probably use a book-building system. such as that employed for the latest sale of BT shares, if, as now seems likely, the GPA sale is centred in America. ☐ Avianca, the Colombian carrier, which is the world's second oldest airline, will resume using engines built by Rolls-Royce later this year when it takes delivery of two Boeing 757s from GPA.

BAe puts £79m into **Burwood House**

BY MATTHEW BOND

man of Polly Peck, was yester-BRITISH Aerospace has day committed for trial at the confirmed that it has paid Old Bailey on 66 charges of £79 million into Burwood House, a property company that it jointly owns with Asda, the supermarket group.

Bow Street magistrates also sent for trial John Turner, However, the payment has not fully resolved the longaged 52, the company's forrunning dispute between the mer chief accountant. Mr two companies. Asda, while Turner faces 10 false welcoming the payment, said accounting charges involving it would now consider whether to exercise a put option that Mr Nadir, aged 50, of it alleges was contained in the Westminster, was granted continuing conditional bail. original agreement signed by the two companies in 1989. Mr Turner, of Wallingford, BAe said, in its view, no such option existed.

An Asda spokesman said: "Our legal advice is that that is not quite the case. We believe there is a put option." He stressed, however, that a decision to execute the option had not yet been taken. Asda's directors, he said, were

considering their position. Burwood House came into being at the end of 1989 when Arlington, BAe's then

recently acquired property development subsidiary, teamed up with Gazeley Holdings, Asda's property subsidiary.

At the time, Asda injected £350 million of supermarket properties, while Arlington's contribution was about £75 million of property develop-

The £79 million that has now been paid to Burwood House was liable under an indemnity clause requiring Arlington to make up for any fall in value in the properties injected into Burwood, as determined at the end of De-

cember 1990. Arlington believes payment of the money into Burwood House honours its contractural commitment and avoids any question of either a put or call option being executed by

An Arlington spokesman said: "Any such effort by Asda will be rigorously refuted."

Gateway denies it is to shed 3,000 jobs

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

MANAGEMENT at the to simply cut jobs. "The group is looking at a package of Gateway supermarket group vesterday denied claims by Usdaw, the shopworkers' union, that it planned to make up to 3,000 staff

a figure, however, on the number of jobs that would go

IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission

is investigating allegations by

British Coal that rival Ameri-

can coal is being dumped on

the European market. The

timing of the enquiry could

not have come at a worse time

for the commission, which is

desperately trying to prevent

already strained relations

with Washington developing

EC sources fear that the

British Coal suit could spark

a backlash from the Ameri-

cans, who can point to the

huge subsidies given to the German coal industry as

being trade distorting. But a

level playing field is essential

for the survival of British

Coal, which next year loses its

exclusive contracts to supply

British electricity generators.

has not publicly commented

The commission, which

into an all-out trade war.

supplier, made an interim pre-tax profit of £254,000 (£376,000) in the six months to October 31, after a secondand the management crupted after the two sides held talks half loss last year. The interim last Thursday. A spokesman dividend is raised from 1.3p for the group said that the management team had in-Bourse fees cut formed union officials that it was seeking cost savings The French stock exchanges

equivalent to cutting 2,000 association reduced various full-time jobs. fees paid by traders on The spokesman said, how-French bourses, giving an ever, that management had overall cut of 10 per cent. stressed its intention was not Monthly commissions paid by bourse members were re-

duced by 33 per cent, from Fr 180,000 to Fr 120,000. Lasmo oil find

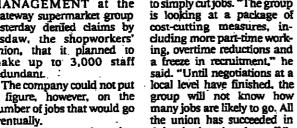
Lasmo, the oil exploration company, has made a second large oil discovery in its block of an oilfield in Colombia. The new well is in the Magdalena valley. During two tests, it yielded oil at 2,800 and

3,000 barrels per day. SAS buys stake

Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) is acquiring a 51 per cent stake in Linjellyg. a Swedish domestic airline. SAS said Linjeflyg would continue as an independent airline, but the two companies would work closely together.

Blenheim post

Blenheim Group, one of the world's leading exhibitions organisers. has appointed Christopher Crowcroft, aged 32, as its finance director. Mr Crowcroft succeeds Dick Hosie, who is leaving to set up his own consultancy.



eventually. doing is alarming the staff." The row between the union Gateway employs about 43,000 full-time and part-time staff. The number of fulltime equivalent jobs is more than 30,000.

Meanwhile, Safeway yesterday announced it was creating 2,000 new jobs. It said it would take on the extra staff during the next two months at nine new supermarkets, mostly in town centres.

Brittan: persuasion

on the dumping charges, is

expected to decide whether to

launch an enquiry within a

week. Last year, it dismissed a

similar complaint made by

British Coal on the grounds

· This time, however, British

Coal believes: as a stronger

case. In the past year, it has

closed 14 pits and shed

13,000 jobs, and seen its an-

of flimsy evidence.

America accused of dumping coal nual production fall from

92.3 million tonnes to 87.5

million tonnes. At the same

time imports of coal into Brit-

ain rose from 14.5 million

tonnes to 17.5 million tonnes.

Coal imported from America

is estimated to make up 45

per cent of the annual 130

million tonnes that comes

The commission has asked

British Coal for more evi-

dence, and a spokesman con-

firmed yesterday that this was

being sent to Brussels, al-

though he would not say what

subsidies on British coal. We

can't allow our commercial

position to be undermined by

commission does decide to

take action and slap tariffs on

into the EC from third

countries.

incoming American coal, the Americans will find it easy to

justify retaliation. While Britain, Belgium and Spain have all severely rationalised their coal industries in the past few years, the German coal industry continues to be massively subsidised, mainly through the anachronistic "100-year contract" it has with German electricity producers, which are bound to buy the bulk of their coking coal from German collieries at up to three

times normal market prices. Sir Leon Brittan, the European Community competiit was. "There are now no tion commissioner, has persuaded Bonn that the 100-year contract should account for no more than 20 an aggregation of instances of unfair dumping," he said. British Coal also menuons per cent of German colliery output by 1995, but for the moment German taxpayers China and Colombia in its are spending £25.000 complaint. However, if the

pounds a year on each of the

country's 133,000 miners.

Outhwaite names' payout to average £117,000



Barbados-bound: Peter Nutting outside Lloyd's yesterday after hammering out a deal to end a four-month legal battle with underwriters

By Jonathan Prynn

THE 987 loss-making Lloyd's names who took on one of the leading Lloyd's underwriting agencies and 80 Lloyd's members agents in a four-month legal battle in the High Court will receive cheques averaging £117,000 in early April after agreeing a settlement of the case.

The final terms of the settlement were announced yesterday morning following an all-night negotiating ses sion. Agreement in principle

was reached on Sunday.

At a brief court hearing vesterday afternoon, Anthony Boswood, QC, counsel for the names, told Mr Justice Saville that the parties had reached agreement during a one-week adjourment. The deal is subject to final approval by the members of the Outhwaite 1982 Names Association, who will meet on

The names will be paid a total of £116 million. This includes £61 million for cash calls made or paid to date, £19 million to cover interest, £34 million as compensation for the risk of future deterioration of the syndicate, and £2 million to cover the costs of

bringing the action. Of the 495 per cent losses so far declared on the stricken 1982 year of account of Outhwaite

371/661, litigating names will be returned about 450 per cent. The 600 names on the syndicate who did not join the action will not benefit from the settlement. In a letter to the members of the Outhwaite Names As-

sociation, Peter Nutting, its chairman, said that the committee had been "unanimous in finding these proposals acceptable". The decision to settle had been driven by the possibility that a successful judgment would be subject to appeal and that arguments over the size of the liability could have meant that we were winning but would see no cash for two years at the very best".

The settlement will be paid by the errors and omissions underwriters who provided cover for the 81 agencies being sued by the names. The errors and omissions policies were written by a number of

Lloyd's syndicates represent-ing about 16,000 names. Mr Nutting, who left for a holiday in Barbados yesterday afternoon, said he had "absolutely no doubt" that he would be making a contribution to settlement payment through his participation on other syndicates.

Stephen Merrett, a leading errors and omissions underwriter, said the decision to settle was not influenced by the quality of evidence of any particular witness, but by the scale of the costs.

YRM eyes east Europe as way to beat recession

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

profit warning after a further

deterioration in second-half

□ Redland's £580 million

hostile bid for Steetley has

been extended until February

24, with acceptances from

holders of 1.7 per cent of the

The offer is under consider-

ation at the Office of Fair

Trading, while the Tarmac-

Steetley link is with the Euro-

pean Commission, although

the British Department of

Trade and Industry has re-

quested jurisdiction over the

Rulings from both Brussels

and the Office of Fair Trad-

ing are likely by the end of

share capital.

venture.

YRM, the quoted architecturto end-October from al practice, is looking to east-£888,000 to £534,000. Turnover fell from £12.3 million to em Europe for work as the recession takes its toll in the £10.2 million. The interest bill was down from £172,000 to £45,000, but redundancy The group has set up a Berlin office and a presence and related costs knocked

£337,000 off pre-tax profits. in Czechoslovakia, where it is Earnings per share fell from involved in the project to rede-4. lp to 2.54p. velop the Hotel Praha in The search for overseas Prague as a Hyatt Hilton. YRM has decided to main-

work has taken the group to tain the interim dividend at Kuwait. Saudi Arabia and 1.65p, despite a drop in prethe United Arab Emirates. Brian Henderson, YRM's tax profits for the six months

Pountain gives up

day-to-day control

By MARTIN WALLER

SIR Eric Pountain is giving

up day-to-day running of Tar-mac, the building materials

and construction group he

has headed for 13 years. His

chosen successor is Neville

his junior, who is currently

head of the construction divi-

sion and will become chief

A spokesman for the com-

pany denied that there had

been any institutional pres-

sure for Sir Eric, who remains

as chairman, to let go of the

reins, but said the move re-

flected "a need to strengthen

the core, having regard to the

difficult trading conditions".

rector, aged 59, becomes dep-

uty chairman, but Mr Simms

is expected to take over as

Market sources said the de-

cision to step down came after

a groundswell of institutional

disillusion over Tarmac,

which was felt to have lost its

way and as a result suffered

even more than the rest of the

building sector from the re-

cession. There was some scep-

ticism whether the move

would be sufficient to assuage

The price has tumbled from 280p last March to a low of 97p before Christmas, although the shares now

trade some 20p higher. Pre-

tax profits of £190.7 million

for 1990 are likely to slump to

E50 million when the group reports for 1991 this spring, and the market expects divi-

In December, announcing

a link with Steetley, another

building materials firm, Tar-

mac was forced to issue a

shareholder unrest.

dends to be slashed.

chairman in due course.

Bryan Baker, managing di-

executive.

chairman, said: "YRM must and will seek commissions in all available territories,"

Mr Henderson said few new projects had arisen in Britain, and the group had experienced highly competi-tive fee bargaining. But it has secured some high-profile commissions. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development has appointed YRM Engineers as building services consultants for its London premises in Broadgare. Channel 4 has

appointed the group to fit out its London headquarters, and the Glasgow office has won contracts for structural and services engineering on the new museum of Scotland and to design a mixed retail and business development in Edinburgh's Princes Street.

Mr Henderson said: "Significant cost savings have been and are being achieved. The cash position remains healthy, and the group has a low level of borrowings, YRM ition to respond to an economic:upturn.

There can be little doubt that 1992 will be another challenging year. However, YRM has an excellent blend of design and management skills and is well equipped to increase its share of available commissions both at home and overseas. We are a resilient company and will emerge from this recession in stronger shape than before." The shares were unchanged

Opec holds talks to cut output

By Martin Barrow MEMBERS of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries begin talks today aimed at securing a 5 per cent cut in output to stabilise crude prices in the second quarter. Opec ministers meet in Geneva hoping to reach agreement on a formula that would end the production free-for-all that caused prices to fall almost 20 per cent this

Opec prices are about \$4 below the cartel's target of \$21 a barrel and could dip further unless the 13-member group acts before a seasonal drop in demand starts in March. North Sea Brent. which trades at a \$2 premium to Opec crudes, was down 18 cents at \$18.61 yesterday.

Ministers fear that prices will fall further in the second quarter when demand falls as the northern hemisphere emerges from the winter quarter and stocks are depleted. A 5 per cent cut from current output levels of 24.1 million barrels per day is considered enough to avert a collapse in prices but Opec's members are divided about which countries should bear the brunt of lower quotas.

Saudi Arabia, producing 8.5 million bpd or 35 per cent of Opec's output, argues that pro-rata cuts should apply to each member. However, smaller producers, such as Ecuador, Gabon and Algeria, maintain this is unfair. Opec has yet to agree a formula that would allow Iraq to resume exporting oil without affecting prices.

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Institutions sit it out on the sidelines

SUGGESTIONS that another cut in bank base rates is being considered were mostly discounted by the stock market. Share prices gave up an early lead to finish almost unchanged on the day.

Turnover of shares this week clearly reflects the continued absence of any genuine investment support because of the uncertain economic and political outlook. Only 432 million shares had been traded by the close of business yesterday, and the bulk of this was made up of dealings between marketmakers who are attempting to maintain level trading positions in the absence of any genuine investment pattern

developing.

Dealers say the low level of corporate activity and trad-ing news is only exacerbating the situation. The FT-SE 100 index enjoyed an early mark up on the back of a firm overnight performance on Wall Street, but failed to hold on to it. The index fluctuated in narrow limits throughout the day and finished 1.3 lower at 2,537.1.

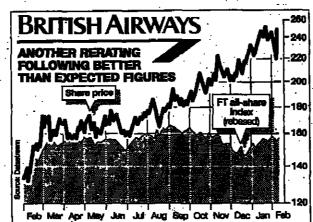
Government securities fared a little better although failing to hold best levels. Prices at the longer end closed with gains of E1a.

Among leaders, Glaxo fell 11p to 817p after UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, cut its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year. Elsewhere, prices were mixed with ICI 13p better at £12.71, while Wellcome fell 9p to £11.18.

Shares of British Airways look as though they may be due for a re-rating after surging 23p to 248p in the wake of some better than expected third-quarter results. These revealed pre-tax profits of £100 million compared with market estimates ranging from E20 million to E60 million. They correspond with last year's figure of £20 million reflecting the impact of the Gulf War. The group said the rise in profits was attribut-

Rolls-Royce was a nervous market, slipping 2 2 p to 142p. Analysts visit the group's Derby operations later today where the new Trent engine is built. Despite an uncertain start, with British Airways opting for General Electric, the group remains confident about prospects for Trent. Brokers say confidence is starting to grow again in the shares.

traffic and lower fuel costs. By contrast, half-year fig-ures from Amstrad, Alan Sugar's consumer electronics group, made grim reading with the group plunging into the red for the first time. Amstrad recorded a pre-tax



loss of £15.2 million compared with a profit the previous time of £40 million. Mr Sugar, the chairman, blamed a sharp drop in sales from E326 million to £196 million on the group's withdrawal from its loss-making games and entertainment computer business. Sales of satellite dishes, fax machines and word processors were described as buoyant. The group is now aiming to reduce costs. The market expressed relief

marking the price 2p better at British Acrospace fell 9p to 286p after confirming it had been forced to pay £79 million to Burwood House, its joint property venture with Asda, the supermarket chain, be-

that the losses were not any

larger than earlier feared by

cause of falling property val-ues. BAe said the payment had already been allowed for

in its 1991 accounts. The insurance composites took another pounding as analysts continued to increase their forecast of losses before the reporting season, which gets under way soon. County NatWest, the broker, and rival Goldman Sachs have also begun to raise their estimates of losses for the current year. Prospects for the insurance industry remain dull.

Business generally contin-ues to suffer and there is little prospect of losses being stemmed. Dividends, in some cases, are likely to be cut. County has reduced its estimate for all the composites in 1992 by between £30 million and £40 million and is not Earlier this week, James

Capel and Carr Kitcat & Aitken, the brokers, reduced their profit estimates savagely, highlighting the problems the industry faces. Losses were recorded in Commercial Union op to 444p, General Accident 5p to 425p, Guardian Royal Exchange 7p to 121p, Royal Insurance 12p to 220p and Sun Alliance

11p to 269p. Smith New Court, the broker, says Sun Alliance remains the strongest company in the composite sector de-

Hanson eased 3p to

200p ahead of first-quarter figures on Friday expected to show pre-tax profits sliding from £240 million to about £205 million. However, securities house, remains optimistic about prospects. It is forecasting a 25 per cent re-rating for the shares. equivalent to a p/e of 13 and a price of 250p.

spite the impact of mortgage indemnity losses. Steven Bird, an analyst, says the group should be able to resume above-average dividend payments from

onwards. Thorn EMI finished 15p lower at 820p as a line of

million shares began doing the rounds in the marketplace. Investors took this as the signal to start switching out of the shares and into rival Rank Organisation 7p

better at 684p. Thorn EMI shares have enjoyed a strong run recently but some analysts have been having second thoughts about the decision to shut its Rumbelows electrical retail chain and merge what remains with the group's television rental operations.

The textile sector comfortably outperformed the rest of the market in 1991, and, according to Cart Kitcat & Aitken, is now enjoying a period of consolidation. Christmas trading was better than expected and Khaleeq Taimuri, an analyst, expects consumer demand to begin responding favourably to lower inflation and interest rates around the third quarter of

He is urging clients to take advantage of the lull to in-crease their weightings in the sector. Top of his buy list is Courtaulds Textiles, up 2p at 414p, Hartstone, 2p better at 267p, and Sherwood Group,

nchanged at 720p.

Bluebard Toys , the USMquoted toy manufacturer, jumped 10p to 60p and has risen 30p in the past couple of

MICHAEL CLARK

found restraint is an encour-

Indeed there was much

from the Bryant results.

20 per cent to 1,140, putting

the company on target for more than 2,000 this year,

while pre-tax profits rose 5

per cent to £9.8 million.

has added 1,400 plots to its

reserves, taking its total land

Despite this, the company

says gearing is just 4 per cent, although this rises to

13.8 per cent if £22.8 million

But it is important not to

get too carried away, espe-

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clining shares by about five to

four. Analysts said Alan

Greenspan, the Federal Re-

serve chairman, would provide an early focus for Wall chips posted slim losses off Street. The head of the Amerthe opening, but firmed in early trading, taking a lead ican central bank was speakfrom the broad and secondary markets. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 8.50 points at 3,253.58. Advancing shares outpaced de-

ing to bankers yesterday. Technical analysts said despite the possibilities of modest new highs for the Dow and an eventual correction. the index was likely to trade in a narrow range in the inter-

mediate term.





Lower fuel costs lift BA to unexpected height

THIRD-QUARTER figures from British Airways only accentuate the suspicion that the airline overdid warnings earlier this year of the threat to its transatlantic business from American carriers. In a repeat performance of the halfway results in November. BA's share price has shot ahead as analysts were forced sharply to increase their profits forecasts for the

At the height of the gloom, some City observers were looking for little better than break-even. BA has now come in with a pre-tax profit of £285 million for the nine months to December 31. down only £55 million.

The carrier was given a welcome lift by lower oil prices, parily offset by exchange rates, and the net result was a 28 per cent fall measure of performance, were up 3.9 per cent, the 3.1 per cent drop in passengers' during the third

11 per cent, and BA will have the advantage of fur-ther job cuts and a 4 per cent pay rise for the slimmed-Neither the British carrier

nor KLM, its Dutch putative partner, are saying much about the continuing talks. but the Dutch appear to need the British more than vice versa, given the fact that BA is much further down the cost-cutting route.

Richard Hannah, transport analyst at UBS Phillins & Drew, has raised his fullyear pre-tax forecast by £55 million to £275 million, putting the shares, excluding disposal profits, on a forward multiple of 9.4, while the prospective yield is just above per cent. Investors should be in no hurry to head for the emergency exits.

Amstrad ALAN Sugar has had a topsy

turvy week. Two days ago, he announced the first profit at Tottenham Hotspur for Average yields, the clearest revealed Amstrad's first loss. As expected, the results for the year to end-December market calculates, despite a showed a dramatic stump in turnover after Amstrad's decision to pull out of computer games and the continued price dumping in the British personal computers market.

The inevitable outcome has been a sharp rise in stocks to a level where invendown workforce this year. tory now accounts for more than half net assets.

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Mixed fortunes: Alan Sugar, the chairman of Amstrad and Tottenham Hotspur

to ease later in the year as no further shipments of product are due after next month and stocks will gradually be converted into cash balances. However, much of the inventory is at zero margin so second-half losses are likely at least to match the £15.2 million just reported. Only after that, as sales pick up and the benefits of new products begin to flow through, will Amstrad re-

Heng Kong: Hang Seng 4674.52 (-59.04)

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On an earnings valuation, the shares are at a cheapish multiple of about 11 times earnings of 2.5p (£15 million pre-tax profit) for the year to June 1993. In assets terms, they are at a huge discount to the current value of 540 a share. Given that a maintained lp dividend would yield shareholders 6.5 per cent and that a £40 million cash pile means the company is not about to go bust,

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ning to look worth buying.

Bryant Group THE most significant thing about Bryant Group's interim results was that they contained only the most modest of provisions. For a company that has written down the value of its housebuilding and property interests by £24 million in

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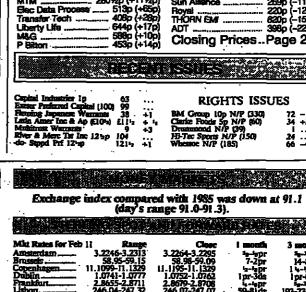
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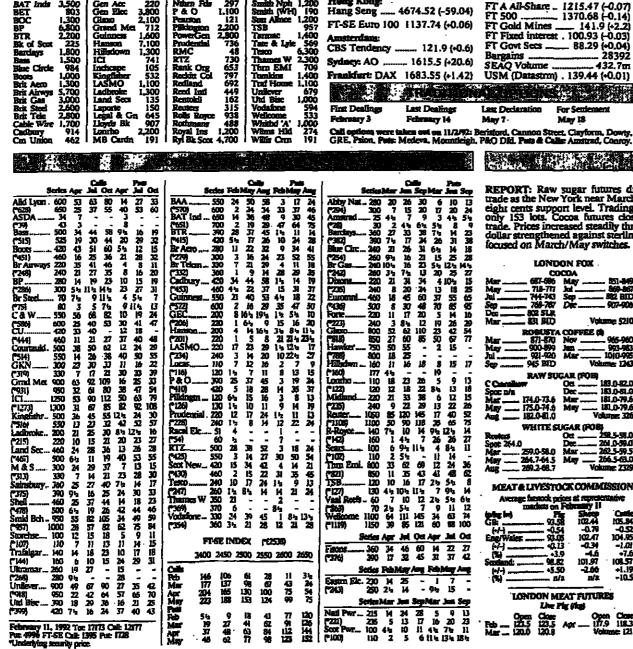
cially with a general election looming. Full-year profits of £20 million will deliver earnings of about 6.6p, putting the shares at 96p on a priceearnings multiple of over 14. That could prove a little expensive, given the uncer-tainty that surrounds the size of any eventual recovery.

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KLM and BA merger stalled

British Airways has proved that it can cope with the recession better then most of its peers. Now it must consider how to capitalise on its strengths in a period of economic recovery. The proposed link with KLM, the Dutch carrier, is for the moment at the heart of its plans and they happen to be stalled. Discussions so far have foundered on the size of the equity split between the two groups. BA prefers 70/30, while KLM is sticking on 60/40. There is nothing surprising about this, for there are no hard and fast rules to be observed other than those of catch as catch can

For all sorts of reasons, the clean solution of a straighforward takeover of KLM by the much bigger BA is out of the question. The negotiators are therefore arguing about how much of their own shareholders' assets they give away in exchange for the considerable benefits that a link-up would bring.

On the basis of comparative profits, BA should have an overwhelming share of the combined equity. The same can be said for a deal based on relative market capitalisation.

KLM has yet to go through the painful cost cutting which has produced such a strong result for BA. Also, the Dutch carrier cannot bring to the party the international brand strength and network of BA. Further, KLM's 49 per cent stake in Northwest offers both great opportunities but great. costs, too, if Northwest's operations are to be upgraded while servicing some \$2 billion of debt.

In time, BA plus KLM and a heavily de-geared Northwest have the potential to become the most powerful airline grouping in the world. That alone guarantees considerable opposition from European regulators subject to the complex political pressures which operate in the EC.

Europe has yet to commit itself fully in practice to an open skies policy and seems to be comfortable with bilateral arrangements which do not work in favour of the consumer. Internally, too, BA will face opposition from those who would damage its prospects internationally in favour of some perceived pro-competition policy on domestic routes. The prize is worth straining after. BA shareholders will not, however, allow their board to give away an uneven share of the ultimate benefits.

Ofgas objects

lmost from the day it was privatised, British Gas has fought a relentless rearguard A Gas has rought a reactives rough action against efforts to introduce more competition in gas supply. The company's reaction to recent proposals by the Office of Fair Trading to trim British Gas's share of the industrial gas market from 80 per cent to 40 per cent by 1995, and to force creation of an armslength transmission business, ran true to form.

British Gas rattled its sabre. It said, amid other protests, that customers living furthest from the beach-head gas receiving stations might have to: pay higher transmission charges. Sir James, McKinnon, the director general of gas supply, yesterday gave that warning the treatment it deserves. Ofgas, the regulatory body, will continue to regulate British Gas on the premise that it is entitled to a certain level of return from its transmission business as a whole.

There is therefore no reason for British Gas to rebalance charges to reflect the distance gas is carried. To do so, as Sir James said, would merely raise administrative costs. It would also send consumer complaints into the stratosphere.

OFT calls time early on Allied's scheme to meet the beer orders

Martin Waller reports how Allied Lyons, back from the depths of last year's forex disasters,

is sharpening up its ideas for the future

ichael Jackaman, the reforming new chairman of Allied-Lyons, will have to wait a couple of weeks for the second shoe to fall. Of the group's two main schemes to cope with the shake-up of the beer industry prompted by the 1989 Mo-nopolies and Mergers Commission report, the first was badly mauled last week by the regulatory authorities; it has yet to rule on the second.

Allied's share price has recovered sharply since the fall after Budget Day last year, when the group an-nounced £147 million losses on foreign exchange dealings. Some an-alysts say this is a vote of confidence in the new management; it could equally be seen as a bid premium.

Sudden jumps in the Allied share price, prompted by rumours of an impending assault, have the stale feel of speculators talking up their book. Talk has centred on Philip Morris, the American food and tobacco group; Anheuser-Busch, the world's biggest brewer, and Seagram, America's largest spirits group. More recently, speculators have zoomed in on Hanson, another potential predator with sufficient firepower to afford a big premium on top of Allied's £5.5 billion market capitalisation. Speculation has been little affected by apparent denials from the putative bidders. Two strategic stakes in Allied have been on the market over the past two or three years with no apparent takers.

Alan Bond, the second Australian buccaneer to manoeuvre alongside Allied, after John Elliott, only to see the grappling hooks fall harmlessly away, gradually disposed of an 11 per cent holding. More recently, Olympia & York, the Canadian property group, placed in the market a 9.5 per cent, holding, converted from preference stock taken during the acquisition of Hiram Walker, the spirits group, after Hanson reportedly turned down the shares.

Allied had its roots in mergers between Ind Coope, Tetley Walker and Ansells, one of the first national brewing combines; Showerings, a cider, perry and wine group; and the J Lyons food and catering empire. How far it has departed from those Lyons Maid ice cream business and the cider interests of Showerings in the past three months.

The business is built on a cocktail of international drinks brands including Ballantynes Scotch, Canadian Club whisky, Beefeater gin, Courvoisier brandy, and Kahlua and Tia Maria liqueurs. At the same time, Allied's beer business has been tacking against the unpredictable squalls blowing through the post-MMC beer industry. Mr Jackaman



Inside story: Michael Jackaman and Tony Hales, Allied's new team at the top, are company men to the core. Both were internal appointments

says: "We probably do too many things. In future we would rather do fewer things, but do them better."

Last month, Mr Jackaman and Tony Hales, his new chief executive, restructured the sprawling empire into four core divisions, spirits and wines, retailing, brewing and wholesaling, and food manufacturing. The message was that peripheral businesses would have to go.

At the time of the forex losses, Allied's response to the post-MMC challenges was judged in the City as. at best, beta-plus. The group was not as far down the restructuring road

'We do too many things. In future we'd rather do fewer things, but do them better

as some of the other brewers, while it lacked the overwhelming brand strength of rivals such as Guinness. The forex losses threw Allied onto the front pages and those weaknesses into sharper relief. Someone in Allied's treasury department had-been allowed to take huge dollar positions, way out of line with t normal hedging practised by a group of Allied's size, and the dollar had then yeered sharply the wrong

Clifford Hatch, the Canadian finance director who had arrived with Hiram Walker, took the blame and resigned. He had introduced a more aggressive approach to currency management and also some decidedly trigger-happy traders.

The City wanted more blood. Subsequently, Sir Derrick HoldenBrown, chairman and long-time leader of Allied, and Richard Martin, the chief executive. advanced their retirement dates to the annual meeting last July. The unexpected job of rebuilding the group's credibility in the City fell to Mr Jackaman, who found himself in the job a year earlier than expected and quickly promoted Mr Hales.

The drinks side and the food businesses, which include Tetley tea bags, Dunkin' Donuts and Lyons cakes, have been suffering from the recession. The priority has been sorting out brewing and public house interests to comply with the orders since the MMC report.

By the end of last year, Allied

thought it had the answer a link between its breweries and Carlsberg, of Denmark, predictably flagged as "probably the best merger in the world", would give the two 18 per cent of the British market, behind Courage with 20 per cent and Bass with 23 per cent. The deal also made Allied less attractive to a predator as the Danes were given an option to acquire the venture in the event of a bid. Allied-Lyons already has a small cross-shareholding with Suntory, the Japanese brewer, but Mr Jackaman does not see these as a precedent."We would be very neryous about a cross-holding that would make us completely invulner-able, because I don't think that would be in the best interests of shareholders," he says.

To comply with the beer orders the group had to dispose of about 2,000 public houses by next November or free them from the tie to take its beer. With all the other big brewers also anxious to offload unwanted parts of their tied estates, the public house market is at its lowest ebb for decades -- a recent wellpublicised auction of 19 properties in London attracted a buyer for only one. Allied thought it had found the ideal solution in a crafty deal with Brent Walker, the cash-strapped leisure group. Brent Walker would lease 734 public houses at affordable rates and agree to take two thirds of its beer needs for all its enlarged 1,800-strong estate from

Allied, effectively tying it to Allied. The deal, and a subsequent and similar agreement for 142 public houses with Burtonwood Brewery,

'Allied's beer business is tacking against the squalls blowing through the industry'

in the North-West, left only 600 public houses to be disposed of before Allied was in compliance with the MMC rules. It also drove a brewer's dray around, if not straight through, the original intentions of the MMC and attracted strong criti-

thrown the whole plan into disarray by ruling leased public houses would not count as a reduction of Albed's total estate when the final reckoning took place in November. The OFT's tough stance, perhaps predictable from a regulator that has long been suspicious of the big national brewing combines, raised questions in the market over the Carlsberg deal. Allied makes light of the OFT ruling, although it appears to have

come as a nasty surprise. Mr Jacka-

man says: "We have various fallback options in our arrangement with Brent Walker which we can bring into operation, which would mean the deal was as good for us and we would be off the OFT hook."

The OFT has made it clear that Allied can horse-trade by cutting the barrelage to be supplied to Brent Walker's estate. Allied retains the right to go for full judicial review come November, but a reduction remains the most likely outcome.

Allied insists that the tougher stance adopted by the OFT has no relevance to the Carlsberg-Tetley joint venture because it does not involve public houses. "It certainly complies with the beer orders and would. I think, lead to more and not less competition in the marketplace," Mr Jackaman says. That reply is understandable but the planned indefinite supply agreement between Carlsberg-Tetley and Allied's remaining estate is the kind of deal likely to trip wires at the OFT and possibly the European Commission, which is also examining the

The new team is anxious to resolve the regulatory beer issue as fast as

group's businesses. Allied's share price is seen as vulnerable to short-term selling, as the market takes profits after last year's run and before the industry's bad experience over Christmas be-comes known. In May, Mr Jackaman will announce final pre-tax profits in the £635 million range, little changed from the previous year's £479 million if the forex losses are disregarded. There is still much to be done.

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Doctor in demand

FOLLOWERS of the glitter-

MONE - VARIETY

ing corporate career of David James, the company doctor, will know full well that the appointment of John Olsen, a Cathay Pacific man, as group chief executive of Davies & Newman - Dan-Air - announced last week, and due to take effect in April, signals the departure, in due course, of James. James habitually moves on to pastures new as soon as his corporate patients enter their recuperation phase. Although he insists that he will stay on board Davies & Newman as its nonexecutive chairman, he admits that he is hoping to utilise his executive capabilities elsewhere. "I'm engaged in two major rescue feasibility studies at present," he says. They are both very large in terms of their level of bank debt and they are both still listed companies, with live quotes." He refuses to identify their sectors, however, so as not to fuel speculation, but he does say that he turned down one large property company because that is not my area of expertise. I prefer the commercial and service end". James, who charges £3.000 a day, expects it to be another two months before he decides

Going hungry

in that league," he says.

A £27-a-head buffet and press conference about mortgage arrears and home repossessions, hosted by the Leeds Permanent Building Society and due to be held at Le Meridien Hotel tomorrow

which, if either, of the propos-

als to accept. "I would very

much like to do one of major

national consequence and

neither of these two are really



has been cancelled. Britain's fifth-largest society will announce its rescue scheme by press release instead. The society, whose chief executive, Mike Blackburn, was alone in his criticism of the government for its handling of negotiations on the mortgage rescue scheme last December, says it does not want its £100 million package to be a time of self-congratulation. Meanwhile, the Council of Mongage Lenders is also expected to announce that the number of repossessions last year rose to more than 80,000, almost double the 1990 figure.

Man in 121

CHRISTOPHER Crowcroft, just promoted from group financial controller to finance director at Blenheim Group - after the departure of Dick Hosie, to form his own consultancy - might not be a man in a million, but he is certainly the man in 121. Crowcroft, aged 32, landed the job after competing against 120 external candidates put forward by Spencer Stuart, the head hunting agency, during a six-month search. Many of the rival

candidates came from FT-SE

100 companies. "We were looking for someone not just technically competent but who understood the City, the stock market, the securities market, the banks, who would be able to motivate a team and who had an agreeable personality," Neville Buch, Blenheim's chairman, says. "A lot just did not have the breadth of experience necessary. We got it down to a shortlist of six and then chose — impartially — the internal

NOTICE outside a service station in Perth, Australia: "10 per cent discount given on repairs to senior citizens."

Merrill to the fore

MERRILL Lynch is gaining the upper hand in the battle raging in the Square Mile to secure the services of the best European equity specialists. It will today announce that it has recruited two high fee earners: Philip Donald, aged 28, from Paribas, and Joanne Gillis, also 28, from Enskilda Securities. "It means that we will now be talking to 85 institutional clients, predominantly UK ones," says Philip Farrer, aged 34, head of European equity institutional sales at Merrill Farrer, once an officer in the Coldstream Guards, joined Merrill from Swiss Bank Corporation two years ago, and says he opted for a City career after his father advised him against becoming a lawyer. His father, Bill Farrer, was well placed to give such advice. He was, until October, senior partner of Farrer & Co, the Oucen's solicitor. "He was a bit surprised when I joined an American firm," Farrer ju-

CAROL LEONARD

nior admits.

Dropping the word 'British' From Mr Roy Jenkins

Sir, The British Institute of Management is proposing to drop the word British from its name. As one who is proud to

be British I am appalled. I was proud to be a soldier in the British armed forces during the last war, when we' and our English-speaking friends saved the rest of Europe from its follies for the second time this century. I am glad to support a British prime minister who is trying to rescue the peoples of Europe from their follies for a

Forty years spent exporting

British goods to 28 countries gives me the pride of having a personal balance of trade heavily in the black. My cars have always been British and I enjoy showing my German friends how quickly a GB plate can disappear into the distance. It is a pleasure to show my French friends that many British A roads are better than their motorways. It is a pleasure to hear Italian salesmen speaking English when selling to Russians and finding themselves at a disadvantage compared with their British compeniors. I like to see the British Standard Pipe threads on virtually every hotel radiator valve outside the USA

I enjoy working with British engineers who are equally at home with the metric and imperial systems of measurement, with obvious export advantages. I am proud that we British managers are leading in the introduction of ISO9000 (BS5750) quality systems.

I am proud to be British; it seems that the British Institute of Management is not. Which of us is right? Yours faithfully.

ROY JENKINS. 27 St George's Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Protecting shareholders' funds

From Dr Maurice

in your columns illuminates the issue of payment to retiring directors from shareholders' funds. Clearly the intention of Parliament in Section 312 of the Companies Act is that such payments should be subject to shareholders' approval except where, as Mr Instone (Business Letters, February 3) points out, these are for damages for breach of contract or pensions for past services. Additionally, Mr Taylor (January 30) refines this distinction in that payments for compensation for loss of office are not a legal commitment and are thereby subject to Section 312, where payments for which provision has been made in a service contract are not.

Sir. Recent correspondence

Nevertheless, the correspondence does not invalidate my original contention that these payments are made only with the automatic acquiescence of shareholders (January 23). In the first place, it is they who approve contracts of appointment of directors and perhaps, in future, they may pay greater attention to the obligation to make any terminal payments.

Shoe-shop service From Mr Richard Goss

ness Letters, February 5) is right to deplore the standards of service in many shoe-shops in Oxford Street and The problem, however, lies

in the adequacy of the training, and in realising that those people - of either sex who formerly provided the assiduity which Mr Walton reasonably seeks, no longer work as shop assistants; they have been to college, taken degrees and are being far

From Mrs Diana Crawford Secondly, it follows from the contributions from your other

correspondents, that whenever such payments are made it is necessary to identify whether they are purely contractual obligations, without any additions, or payments for loss of office which are not a legal

obligation. If the distinction is not made in the annual accounts, then questions need to be raised at the annual general meeting.

BUSINESSLETTERS

This situation is sufficient cause for attention to be given to Major Freeman's plea for a shareholders' charter (February 7), but the reasons become more compelling with the announcement by the prime minister this weekend that his intention is to involve a greater proportion of our citizens in share ownership. Nevertheless, such a charter could only become effective if it was accompanied by amendments to the Companies Act to remove some of the ambiguities on the protection of shareholder's funds.

Yours faithfully. MAURICE GILLIBRAND. 7 Tal-y-Cae, Tregarth, Bangor,

It is time, therefore, that the

training of those who do work in shops was made more

appropriate and far more Sir, Mr David Walton (Busi-

There is much, therefore, for managements to do, and recession provides a very good opportunity to do it.

Yours faithfully. RICHARD GOSS. 8 Dunraven House, Westgate Street, Cardiff.

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King Customer

Sir, With reference to Mr David Walton's letter (February 5). may I suggest he follows the example of a friend of ours. On one occasion he was in one of the branches of a large retail chain awaiting service while a group of female assistants were deep in conversation. Unable to

attract attention, he eventually walked up to the group and commenced: "Ladies, allow me to introduce myself. I am what is known as a customer and without me you would not have a job." After a reflective silence, he was served. Yours faithfully

DIANA G. CRAWFORD.

70 High Street, Albrighton, Wolverhampton.

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FROM 12th FEBRUARY 1992

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£10,000+	Annually	9.25%	6.94%
£5,000+	Annually	8.50%	6.38%
£2,500+	Annually	8.10%	6.08%
£500+	Annually	7.90%	5.93%
£1+	Annually	4.80%	3.60%

MORTGAGE RATES

The basic rate of interest charged on existing mortgages will be 10.99% from 11th March 1992. Notice of revised pa ments, effective from April, will be issued later in March to enable any changes to income tax rates (which may be announced in the forthcoming Budget) to be included.

The rares on Tax Exempt Premium Access accounts are also reduced in line with these new rares for Premium Access. Annual interest is payable on 31st December. Interest will be payable net of basic rare income tax, (currently 25%, which may be

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Gatt fears green policies may cloak protectionism

By Colin Narbrough Economics correspondent

AMID threats and counterthreats over the deadlocked world trade talks, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) has issued a warning to governments not to use environmental concerns as an excuse for protectionism.

In a study on trade and the environment, published to-day, the secretariat of the free trade organisation, says that to allow Gatt signatories to unilaterally impose special duties against whatever they object to among others domestic policies would "risk an eventual descent into chaotic trading conditions similar to those that plagued the

The study concludes that trade measures are "seldom likely to be the best way to secure environmental objectives, and, indeed, could be counter-productive".

The report comes in response to mounting fears in some countries that the extensive liberalisation of world trade sought under the Uruguay Round agreement could lead to countries with low environmental standards securing unfair trading advantage over countries with

rigorous anti-pollution rules.

A memorandum from Lawrence Summers, chief economist to the World Bank,
caused controversy last week
for suggesting that it made
economic sense to transfer
polluting industries to the less
developed countries. Arthur



Next big issue: Arthur Dunkel wants green policies

measures, leads to the higher

incomes that allow governments the freedom and incen-

tive to devote a greater pro-

portion of their national

resources to spending on the

environment. It says avail-

able evidence suggests this is

It challenges criticism that

Gatt's free trade rules prevent

already taking place.

Dunkel, the Gatt director general, has made clear that he believes the links between environmental protection and trade will be the next big issue for negotiators after what he hopes will be a successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round by mid-April.

The Gatt report says increased world trade, which is boosted by liberalisation their domestic environments, or prevent regional or global pacts for a cleaner environment. The study says Gatt rules "place essentially no contraints on the ability of countries to use appropriate policies to protect their environment".

While acknowledging that

While acknowledging that it will be difficult to promote co-operation, the study concludes that positive incentives, such as financial support and technology transfers, to encourage countries to join a multilateral accord would be better than the negative approach, especially where trade bearing.

natory trade barriers.

The study gives warning that the use of unilateral trade restrictions to offset the competitive effects of different environmental standards and foresees a "serious risk" of environmental concerns being exploited by protectionist lobbies. It notes that Gatt rules do constrain attempts by a few countries to influence environmental policies in other countries by reducing access to their markets.

The study says: "Countries

are not clones of one another and will not wish to become so — and certainly not under the threat of unilateral trade measures." The study argues that, in principle, there is no difference between the competitiveness implications of different environmental standards and other policy differences in areas such as taxation, immigration and edu-

Ericsson falls as Swedish recession bites

By Our European Business Correspondent

ERICSSON, the Swedish telecommunications group, remains gloomy about prospects for the current year, and has given warning of a loss in the first six-months of 1992.

The recession in Sweden

and the economic slowdown in the rest of Europe was blamed yesterday for a slump in 1991 pre-tax profits from Kr4.86 hillion (£466 million) to Kr1.6 billion.

The company said: "The recession is continuing in most of Ericsson's principal markets. The ongoing testructuring in the telecommunications field has caused greater sensitivity to changes in general economic conditions." It added that the first half of 1992 would be "very weak", because telecommunications operators had reduced their captial expenditure plans in the short term.

Ericsson is one of Europe's

three leading telecommunication equipment makers, but appears to have been affected more by the recession than Alcatel and Siemens, which, unlike Ericsson, benefited from relatively stable domestic markets.

The fall in profits was made

The fall in profits was made worse by a Kr600 million charge to cover future restructuring costs.

Friescon, has already are

Ericsson has already announced 8.000 job losses — more than 10 per cent the total workforce — as part of plans to cuts costs 15 per



Ramqvist: investing

cent. Orders in 1991 declined 9 per cent to Kr49.3 billion, while sales remained broadly stable at about Kr45.8 billion. The dividend will be retained at Kr3.50 per share, despite the fall in profits.

Lars Ramqvist, Ericsson's president, said that the fourth quarter developed in line with expectations.

He said: "We are continuing our major investments in technical development, despite the current general economic situation. We consider that this is essential for our future." He added that the company would return to previous levels of profitability, when the economy turned. In 1991, Ericsson's investment programme was Kr10

Ericsson shares were unaffected by the slump and traded at Kr118 after the announcement, unchanged from their opening level, and Kr3 up on their close on Monday. EUROPEAN ROUNDUP

Benetton bullish on growth prospects Ponzano Veneto: Orders at Benetton, the Italian sportswear

Ponzano Veneto: Orders at Benetton, the Italian sportswear maker, so far are up on 1991, and despite continuing doubts over when the economies of its main markets in Europe will rally, the group predicts profits and turnover will repeat the last year's 12 per cent growth rates.

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Luciano Benetton, the company vice-president, said he expected a 1991 dividend of about 300 lire (14p), against 1990's 1.250. The company has already announced turnover up at 1.2.300 billion (1.2,060 billion), and Signor Benetton reaffirmed earlier forecasts for net profit of 1.155 billion (1.133 billion).

(Reuter)

A&L buys in France

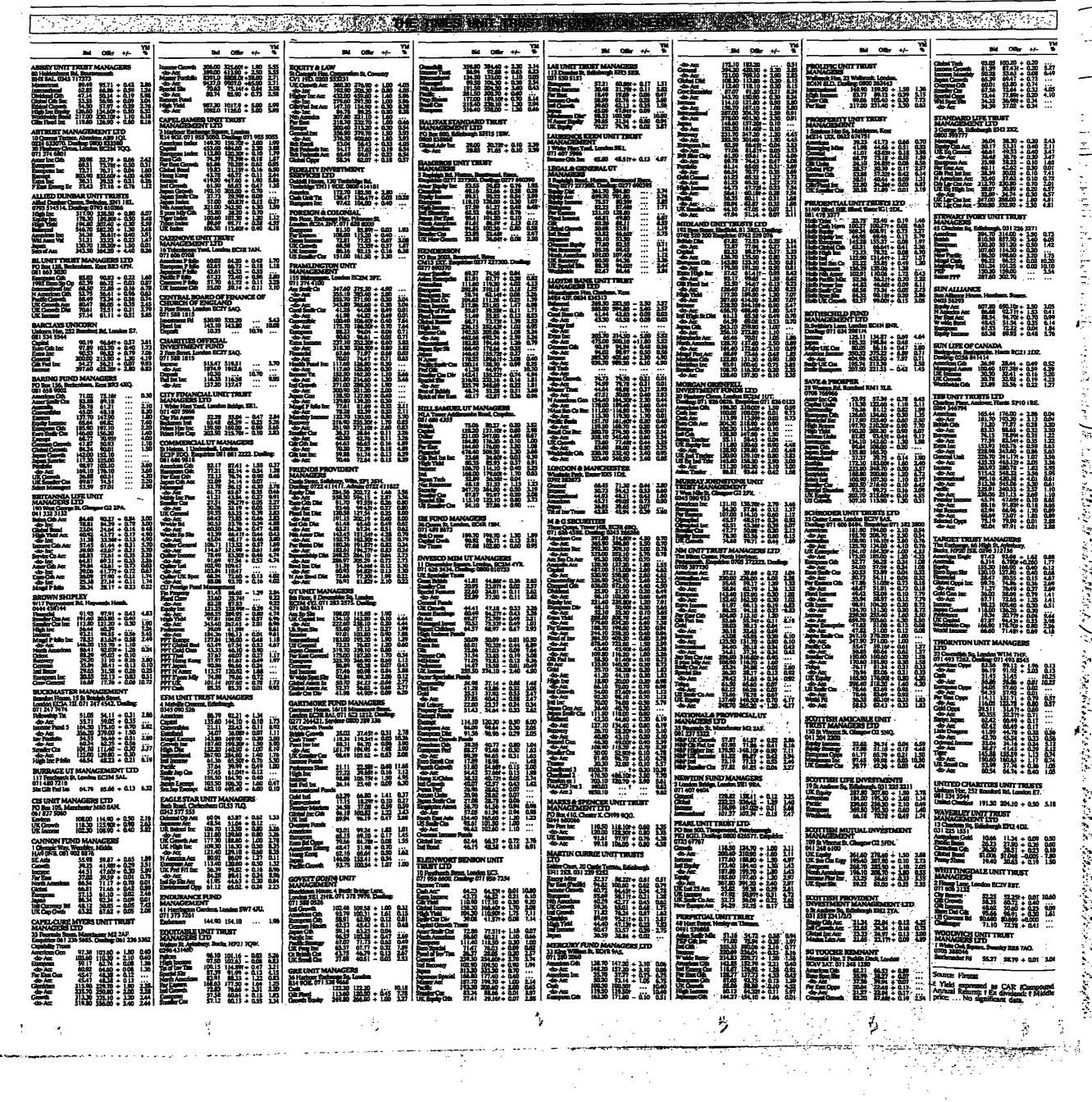
Ash & Lacy, the UK steel group, has agreed to acquire a galvanising company in France for Fr16.7 million in cash. This company has been newly formed from a division of Nordgalva, a subsidiary of the French GPRI, itself a subsidiary of Usinor Sacilor, the large French steel group. The new company will trade under the name of Galvanisation de l'Artois. The galvanising plant is based at Henin Beaumont, close to Lille in northern France, and will increase the group's share of the French market to about 12 per cent. Ash & Lacy already has two galvanising companies in France, and all three will be owned by Joseph Ash, the Ash & Lacy subsidiary.

Enso loses £121 m

Helsinki: The Finnish forestry company Enso-Gutzeit Oy said it had lost 950 million markka (£121 million) in 1991, after being hit badly by exchange-rate fluctuations. Enso said its net exchange-rate loss on foreign currency debt was FM 790 million, compared with an FM 58 million gain in 1990. It said FM 380 million of the loss was due to November's devaluation of the markka. On the positive side, Enso said the devaluation had boosted sales but that the full benefit in growth and results would not be felt until this year. Net sales in 1991 fell 7 per cent to FM 9.23 billion. (Reuter)

Cinzano sale cleared

Brussels: The European Commission said it had approved the purchase of Cinzano, the Italian drinks company, by International Distillers and Vintners, part of Grand Metropolitan. The commission said IDV had agreed to stop distributing Martini — the vermouth market leader — in Greece from the end of the year, and that the deal would not affect market share in any other EC state. "The operation does not create or strengthen a dominant position," the commission concluded. (Reuter)



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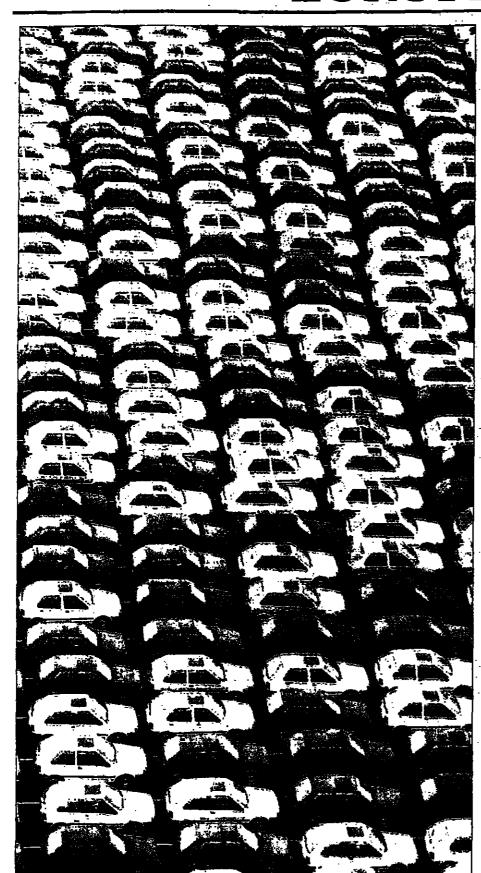
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EUROPEAN CAR INDUSTRY



Toyota and Honda plan to emulate Nissan's success in making cars (above) in Britain

Japan makes inroads

The Japanese are making life hard for Europe's

ground for the world's fiercest fight embattled manufacturers. Kevin Eason reports for car sales over the next ten years. Battling for

dominance are Volkswagen, Fiat, General Motors and the workers on a three-day week. French Peugeot-Citroen The British new-car market group.

Within three years, however, the big battalions of Japan, the United States, is unlikely this year to revive much above last year's 1.6 million sales. Ford's answer has been to export half of all Eastern Europe and the Far output from its Fiesta-making plant at Dagenham, Essex, to the Continent and to East will be snapping at their heels and capturing large sections of car buyers prepare Halewood, too, for throughout the Continent.

European sales last year rose by 0.4 per cent to a record 13.5 million, but there was little cause for celebration in the boardrooms of Europe's big motor manufacturers. Almost all the growth came from rapid expansion in Germany after reunification fuelled a 28 per cent increase in sales for the combined market.

For the other key markets in Europe, the year was one of rapidly dwindling sales, and Britain was the worst affected. Take Germany out of the figures and the pattern of sales was much less optimistic as registrations fell by 8.4 per

While sales in Britain slumped by 20.7 per cent, the French market fell 12 per cent, in Spain registrations were down 9.8 per cent and in Italy by 0.3 per cent.

Britain is still struggling with recession, and as reunification euphoria fades in Ger-many and leads to a levelling of sales there, other European Community countries predict year of consolidation at

Yet the production capacity available to the top dozen or so car makers far exceeds the expectations of the market. In Britain, that has meant thou-sands of redundancies, such as the 2,100 announced by Ford last week.

In Europe, Ford had a record year, with sales in-creasing by 3.6 per cent to 1.65 million. In Britain, however, the picture was bleak as sales fell by a fifth and the main Halewood plant on Merseyside, which makes the Escort and Orion models, put

Japanese based in Britain. Europe is the last great market still to be conquered

EUROPEAN CARS: GROWTH AND PRODUCTIVITY

by the Japanese. Nissan's considerable success in establishing an £850 million manufacturing plant at Washington, Tyne & Wear, will be followed later this year by output from Toyota's new £750 million plant at Burnaston, near Derby, and sales abroad. Those exports, however, will be battling for sales with models from other Honda expects to be making manufacturers equally keen to maintain their share of the

hicles out of the factory gates on Wearside last year alone, Ford and the other European manufacturers could survive that competition exand 90 per cent of those were for export. Although that reaped £680 million for Britcept for one important factor: the competition from new suppliers, particularly the ain's balance of trade, the

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impact was felt throughout Europe. The Japanese share of the European market increased from 11.7 per cent to 12.3 per cent, mainly because

of the Nissan export drive. In Britain, sales are held to about 11 per cent of the market because of a voluntary quota agreed annually. In France, sales have in the past been limited to 5 per cent or less and in Italy, 3 per cent.

cars at Swindon, Wiltshire, early in 1993. Nissan turned 124,000 ve-Under a deal struck last year, imports from Japan are effectively frozen by the EC until the end of the decade. But Europe will still have to cope with the introduction of the new British plants, described by Jacques Calvet. chairman of PSA (Peugeot-

JAPANESE CAR PRODUCTION IN THE UK

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(cars per man per year)

opponent of the Japanese, as Europe's offshore aircraft carrier.

Production from these British-based factories, known as transplants, could reach 800,000 annually by the year 2000 and 1.2 million throughout the EC. Nissan will be Britain's third biggest manufacturer within two

years at present growth rates. Unless the market grows significantly, there will be more car companies outbidding each other for the same

The Japanese have proved that with their factories on greenfield sites employing young and enthusiastic workers they can set productivity targets, and therefore profit-ability levels, well out of reach of established European car manufacturers.

If workers in established European factories hoped that the vast new market of Eastern Europe could pro-vide demand to keep cars rolling out of plants in Bir-mingham, Stuttgart and Turin, there could be disappointment

oining the Japanese are cars from the United States. mainly from Japanese manufacturers but also models from Chrysler and others, marques from Korea and Malaysia not controlled by quotas and new factories tooling up in Eastern Europe.

investment in Eastern Europe is high enough to increase present vehicle manufacturing from about 2.5 million cars a year to nearer 4.75 million, effectively supplying the enormous pent-up demand in nations such as Hungary, Poland, Romania and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The result will be that the established plants, used to dominating the home European market, will be forced, like Ford in Britain, to slim further. Thousands more workers are likely to leave the factories as companies search for higher efficiency to compete against the

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Une race. Four firsts.



The striped beast you see above is the new turbocharged 300 bhp Escort RS Cosworth

It's got a headstart on the competition.

Firstly, it won the gruelling Spanish Talavera Raily on its first time out. Secondly, it's the first car to employ 'total' body aerodynamics

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road cars which are on the leading edge of technology. The new Escort's smoother ride, for example, is the direct result of endless hours of hard driving in the worst

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According to Car Magazine 'It's the most exciting dingbat Ford of all."

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Everything we do is driven by you

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One of the new breed of battery cars: the Citroën Citela

Spark to attract the customers

Manufacturers want government incentives to boost electric car sales

B seem the fairytale answer to the pollution problem plaguing Europe's cities. They emit no exhaust gases and run silently.

The determination to produce widely appealing battery cars is there. General Motors plans to have its first electric vehicles in mass production by the late 1990s. GM's Impact is a bullet-shaped missile of a vehicle able to outpace most sports cars. The car, however, relies on expensive battery technology and considerable advances have to be made before either the price or the present 120-mile range of battery cars is im-

proved. Even the sodium sulphate batteries used in BMW's slower E1 electric car cost about £30,000 for a working life of 13,000 miles.

The two batteries used in the experimental Mercedes-Benz electric car cost about £21,000 and in

tests the vehicle's first set lasted only 12,600 miles. Until long charges, and cruises at 40mph. Within five years, range Mercedes hopes to have developed batteries batteries that will can be last 80,000 miles. The reality is that battery cars made, the will be dearer, answer slower and heavier. Ford's president, could be Allan Gilmour, has

already said: hybrid There has been no breakthrough in vehicles But we need to develop an emission-free vehicle and we are geot 405 estate hybrid has a going to do that.

There is no infrastructure enabling battery cars to be quickly recharged on a journey and no answer yet to how best to recharge them over-

night at home. France's PSA Peugeot Citroen will study the probn next year when up to 300 notorists in La Rochelle will get the keys to electric cars and a map of the city showing them where to find experimental roadside-recharging

However, when even Mercedes-Benz admits that electric cars with today's technology are barely worth buying. the problem seems intractable. But that has not stopped environmental pressure groups from moving manu-facturers along. California is setting the pace and has told car makers that by the year 2003, 2 per cent of the cars sold in the state must be emission-free. Nine American states plan to follow.

By 1995, Europe and Bri-

tain will have on sale the battery-powered Peugeot 106 and the electric Citroen AX, which are indistinguishable in looks from conventional models.

More radical styling comes with Citroen's Citela (City Electric Automobile), typical of the new European breed of battery cars.

Fully automatic, the car's 72-volt, 20-kilowatt electric motor, designed to last more than 300,000 miles, has a speed of 70 mph and a maximum 130-mile range. An on-board computer

manages power distribution and another innovation uses energy from the brakes to help recharge the nickel-cadmium batteries.

Other cars being developed include BMW's E1, a threedoor hatchback using a plastic body. The El has a 150mile range, be-

tween seven-hour VW has its Chico being developed with Swatch, the watchmaker, once again with three doors, and only 10ft 4in long. Both cars have limited ranges and the answer until longer-range batteries are developed could be hy-brid vehicles. With

a diesel engine as well as two electric motors, the Peurange up to 400 miles. Audi's hybrid 100 estate also has an electric motor plus small combustion engine.

Ford, which starts trials worldwide this year of its allelectric Ecostar van, says the key to development is government aid to support manufacturers' innovations.

Ford wants governments to encourage customers, either with grants to subsidise those who buy electric or a pollution tax on those who buy petrol. Such demands are indicative of the need to turn the environmental issue into a political and economical one. Battery cars are coming. The only question is when. Manufacturers believe their arrival can be hastened, if legislators help to create a market that gives car users practical and environmental reasons to

VAUGHAN FREEMAN

Where will all the cars go?

METEOR tail of zeros trails off the latest figures orecasting traffic growth across Europe. For instance, in Britain in 1960 there were 7 million cars on our roads. In 1990, there were almost 22 million and by 2010 there could be as many as 30 million as well as four or five million vans and trucks, Vaughan Freeman writes.

According to the Euromotor Reports data book, an analysis of future traffic volumes. Western Europe's car park of 126 million will rise io 173 million in 20 years. In Eastern Europe the rate of increase from a smaller base will be much greater - from today's 47 million to 112 million by 2010.

Where will they all go? The report warns: "This density is very high for such a constricted land mass, especially as some of the higher densities are in some of the

smaller countries. As for Britain, the report adds: "These car-ownership levels must be approaching saturation point. This applies particularly to England which contains the vast majority of the automobiles within the UK."

This view is echoed by Fiona Weir at Friends of the Earth. "The only way to turn things round is through a very, very complex set of neasures, not one or two miracle cures."

different approach to land use. "We have to start building workplaces and leisure facilities where people are not building them first and then working out how to get people to them," Ms Weir

Bert Morris, the Automobile Association's highways and traffic manager, also calls for improved public transport, but does not see Europe becoming choked with traffic. He points out that many parts of Europe. including south-east England, are unlikely to see traffic increase simply because most people who are likely to want a car already have one.

THE ANSWER, according to the AA, is for more to be spent improving trunk roads and motorways, while in urban areas, illegal parking is stamped out and public transport systems improved.

The final factor in the problem of increasing car olumes is "scrappage" Future cars will be tested more frequently, and have shorter lives, as vehicles that fail the stringent exhaust tests are weeded out.

While the car as we know it may then have a limited future, the fact is that there will be more and more vehicles on our roads, most of them reincarnated.

Revving up after a slow start

Who will lead the market in 1992? Eric Dymock looks at the new models

he cars that will appeal to European customers in 1992 are likely to come from Volkswagen, General Motors, Nissan and Mercedes-Benz. BMW, Ford and probably Rover will do well. Losers will include Fiat, Jaguar, Renault, Volvo

and perhaps Peugeot-Citroën Japanese makes without Euro-pean factories, such as Marda and Mitsubishi, remain dependent on quotas. Toyota looks likely to stay where it is until its British plant comes into production, and Honda will improve without quite being able to repeat its success in the United States.

Predicting performance from new model programmes is a better guide to trends than analysis of market shares, but however the runes are read, Volkswagen will remain European leader.

In 1992, however, VW will have to rely on the new Golf to carry on the good work. The car is larger and heavier than its predecessor, designed in the 1980s for what seemed likely to be the prosperous 1990s. Even if VW's steady move upmarket now appears optimistic, the com-



pany says the car's extra weight and size are in the good causes of safety

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and the environment. The Passat, a worthy car, will soon have more speed and power, but a replacement for the Polo is too far away. Seat is making a good name and the new Audi 80 is a praisewor-thy rival to BMW's 3-series. Fiat seems less confident. A re-

placement for the Uno is overdue, and the new engine programme for the Tipo and its notchback derivatives has not caught buyers' imagination. Second place in the market with 1.8 million sales is not failure.

but nor is it complete success. Britain is a microcosm of Fiat's European performance. The cars are competitive, quality control seems good, styling, servicing, economy and a good dealer network are all in place, yet the customers have not taken the cars to their hearts.

Rover's revival shows that it is possible to pull back from the

threshold of disaster and regain

customers' confidence. Alfa Romeo and Lancia both show encouraging signs, but the sales of neither have reflected cheering press comment. General Motors is third in the

European sales league by a slim margin. The company has two highly competitive models in the top-selling 1.4-litre to 2.0-litre class. The Vauxhall Cavalier (Opel Vectra) is well established, and success seems assured for the new Astra.

make up most of GM's total in 1992. During the year, GM could pull further ahead of Ford.

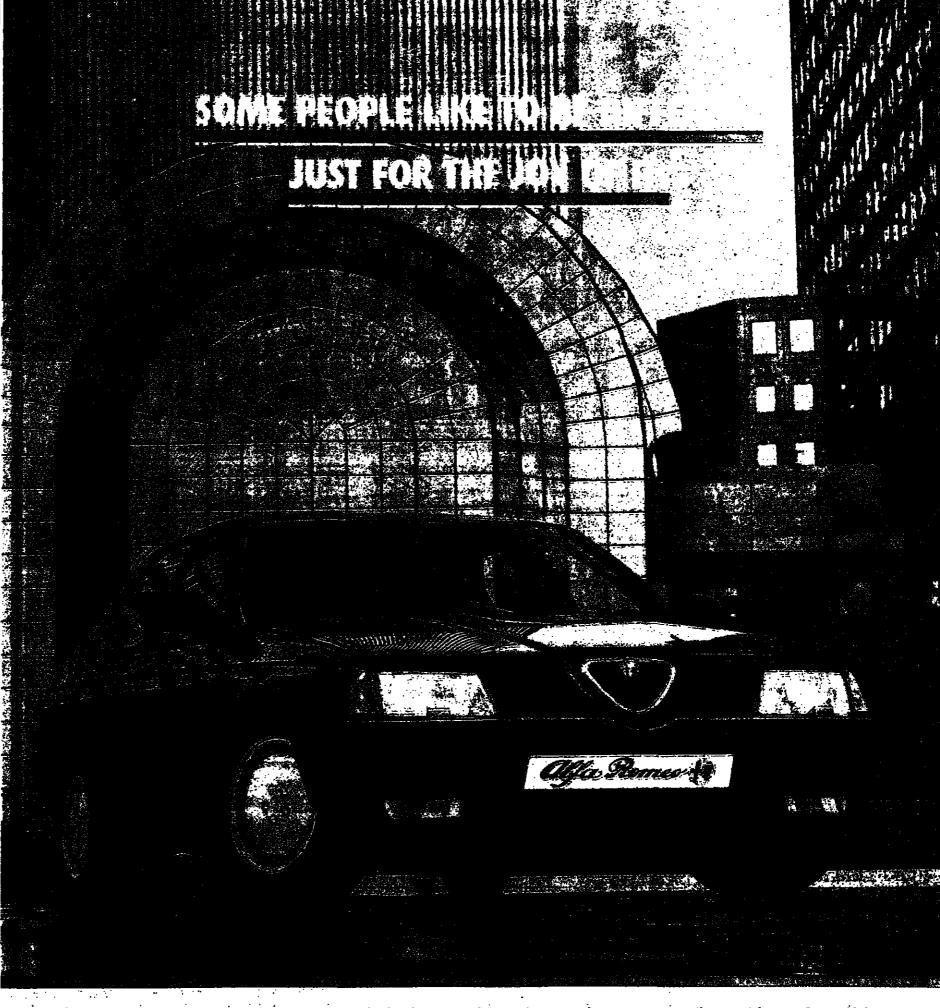
GM was not helped much by its acquisition of Saab, which is working hard to stem declining fortunes. In the long term, Saab will represent GM's upmarket range.

Jaguar, Ford's equivalent prestige make, shows little sign of recovery. although Ford itself is responding vigorously to GM's challenge. The Sierra replacement is still a year or more off, but the new engines in the Escort will go a long way to make up

for its comparatively slow start.
The new Mercedes-Benz 190 in the autumn will be too late to influence the 1992 sales figures, but it indicates the continued vitality of -the world's oldest manufacturer.

issan had a bad year in Britain during the dispute between the distributing organisation and Nissan UK. Sales fell from 110,000 cars, almost 6 per cent of the market, in 1990 to only 70,000 in 1991, yet exports increased. By summer, when the new Micra is in full production, Nissan will take a significant part of the European market.

Peugeot and Citroen need luck to make progress. Diesel incentives may bring some in Britain, as Peugeot makes some of the best diesels, but in 1992 the most it can hope for in the European market is to stay where it is.



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The costs of starting-up

David Young looks at the variety of deals on offer for rescue services

often wonder why, if a manufacturer's cars are so reliable, it offers a breakdown service as an incentive to buy.

Properly explained, the breakdown package will be seen as a real incentive. especially as today's pack-ages are individually tailored and most cover driving on continental Europe as well as in Britain.

An example of the tailormade packages that rescue services are offering is the On Call recovery system. This is offered on all new cars from the Volkswagen Audi group. A wider scheme covering rescue within Europe will be announced soon by National

The On Call service lasts for six years and is transferable to future owners, a factor that helps to keep second-

There are no annual charges for the cover, which remains in force for as long as the Volkswagens or Audis are serviced according to the manufacturers' schedule.

The scheme is not a Volkswagen Audi invention but a tance, a continental company that is making inroads into the British market.

The four main British recovery groups, the Automo-Automobile Club, National Breakdown and Britannia. have all responded by offer-ing various forms of continental cover.

The RAC and AA are seeking stronger links with European recovery groups. Another system of cover, which appeals to fleet users. is the pay-as-you-use arrange-ment. This is also offered by all of the big recovery organisations.

The car owners pay a small annual registration fee for the vehicles covered and pay more only if the system has to go into action.

Ian Hare, general manager of Fleet Motor Management, which runs 45,000 cars, says: "I believe that the cost of these systems is satisfactory. By and large the service given by most of the recovery groups is reasonable. Obviously there will be times in the year when demand for their services is higher and then wait for recovery, but I would



Ford escort: breaking down can be very hard to do, but drivers are deluged with options by rescue companies

say that they are all trying very hard."

Membership of a recovery organisation is becoming more important. Although cars are more reliable than ever, many have electronic components, which means that roadside repairs are often impossible. The recovery organisations are also aware of how fragile the link between the user and the service

is. The safest way of seeking help in a breakdown is to stay in the car with the doors locked and to summon assistance using a mobile tele-phone, but mobile telephones are too costly for many drivers. However, within a year or so there could be a cheaper alternative. The RAC has been researching the viability of equipping motor-ists prepared to pay for it with

an emergency transmitter. inevitably named ET, with which they could summon help in a breakdown or

According to Judith Mal-let, the RAC's project co-ordi-nator, the device is the size of a portable telephone, and would cost £50 to £150. She says: "Fitted inside any vehicle, RAC ET allows stranded drivers to radio for help from

the security of their own cars. A built-in vehicle location device means we can trace the driver within seconds."

The transmitter works through a navigation network operated by Datatrak of Swindon, the RAC's partner in the two-year research

project.

The RAC hopes to put the service into operation next

☐ Royal Antomobile Club

Call-outs by RAC officers or by approved independent agent. Four-level service costs £60 to £132 a year, £18 discount for direct debit. New Rescue includes roadside and home assistance. New Recovery adds transport of broken-down vehicle to owner's chosen destination. Reflex adds overnight accommodation and a hire car or rail fares to continue the journey and Reflex Europe extends the scheme to the Continent (081-452 8000).

☐ Automobile Association

The AA (0800 919595) has more than 7.6 million members and 3,500 patrol vehicles but also uses independent garages. It has five levels of service. Membership provides roadside assistance. Homestart provides assistance at home if the car will not start. Relay is the AA's full recovery service, and Relay Plus adds a hire car. Frequent Traveller adds year-round cover throughout Europe. Discount for paying by direct debit. paying by direct debit.

☐ National Breakdown

The third biggest organisation uses approved agents (0532

☐ Britannia Recovery

Britannia (0484 514848) has a reputation for fast call-outs, and offers free legal advice, discount for direct debit and a £25 Superstart service within ten miles of the member's home.

☐ Europ Assistance Europe's biggest motoring organisation uses independent garages rather than its own vehicles (081-680 1234).

Established in France in 1974, it works with big car manufacturers (081-681 2525).

Full British and European recovery service through garage agents. A no-claims discount is offered (0604 232334).

From a central telephone number, it will organise rescue. Roadside assistance and recovery service costs £33.50, and £45.25 includes home assistance. Cars more than 20 years old not covered (0206 870570/863123).

Uses 1,800 independent garage agents; basic cost £25 a year, £30 including home start. No cars more than 20 years old (0276 685333).

☐ Guild of Experienced Motorists

An insured scheme: members organise their own help and claim a refund. GEM Recovery (0342 825676) costs £29.95 a year by direct debit, including £12 membership.

An offshoot of the Country Gentleman's Association. Annual fee £16 by direct debit (0800 525200).

European route to madness

Brussels bureaucrats care more

for car makers than motorists

he dream of a happy and united Europe, a place of peace and progress, is at odds with the reality — at least so far as the motor car is concerned. The many areas where standardisation could occur, making motoring for the European citizen easier and cheaper.

are the cause instead of There are, for example, no European safety requirements. Instead there are national minimum standards on all manner of subjects from seat belt strength to crash testing, which, when ratified by the Eurocrats, become European Community stan-dards for all manufacturers wanting to build or sell cars in

Europe However, certain countries, particularly Germany. spend more on research and developement into safety than

The German standards are higher than those of some countries, and are therefore not suitable for adoption throughout the community because they cost too much for the industries in those

countries that lag behind. Britain has the best road safety record in Europe, Road death statistics show Britain with the lowest figure, 94 per million of the population, and Portugal the highest with 315. Spain has the second worst record with 196, followed

by Belgium with 195 and France with 194. There is a European-wide move towards safer vehicles but it was spawned, and is supported, by lobbying outside the European Commission, not by officials within. The commission's method is directed towards making sure that national sensibilities are not offended and that national interests are not damaged by regulations that may save the lives of a few Europeans.

National type approvals, standards set by a govern-ment for specific national requirements and which have to be met by all cars sold in that country, have become community type approvals, carefully geared to ease vehicle manufacturing. Items that have yet to become subject to European standards are glass and tyres. Both the French and Italian governments are resisting agreement, so there are still different standards in

Europe on these vital items. The French and Italians are resisting because the delay gives them a weapon in the conflict over Japanese imports:

The Japanese threat to companies such as Flat, Re-

growing because Nissan is already building cars in Europe and Toyota will be in production by the end of the

illepr Engla

There is already an agreed world standard for most automotive components. The International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) has manufacturing allow cheaper and better cars. The ISO standards are not considered suitable for the European

Community. European lobbyists will tell you of the increasing number of absurdities in the dealings of the commission.

For example, since January the European minimum depth of tyre tread has been 1.6mm. According to experts in the industry, there is no safety advantage over the previous British minimum, but it has cost motorists who have had to replace their tyres a great deal of money.

In Britain crash helmets have to pass stringent safety tests before being allowed on sale. This makes our regulations the toughest in the community. How-

ever, the com-mission wants to German standards impose its own standard. based on the lowest are not in Europe. The reason for choossuitable ing the lowest as they rather than the highest standard is that the latter cost too would create unfair competition. much

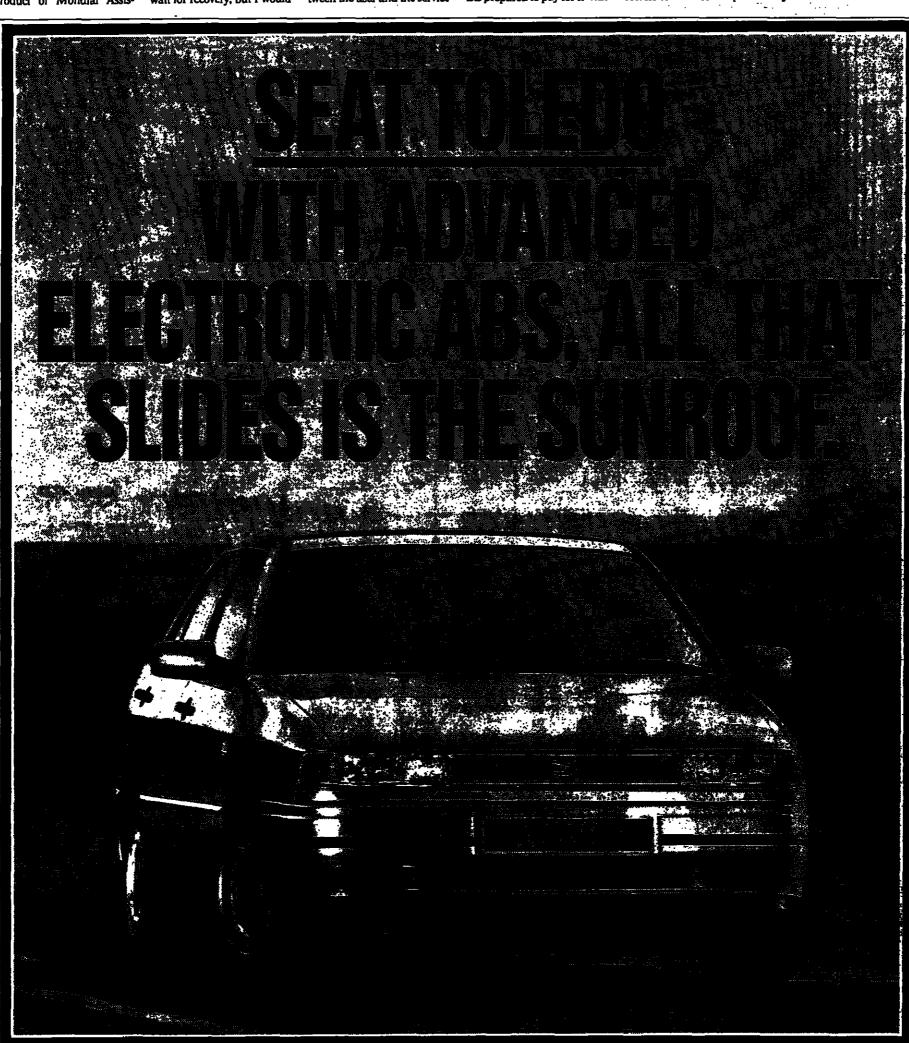
In the minds of the commission, it seems, the benefit to the user is of no consequence when for commercial equality. Driving licences and the

driving test are covered by a commission directive that specifies minimum standards for driver testing. The British test is much more exacting than these standards. How ever, the Driving Standards Agency, which runs driving tests, says it is unlikely that the British test will need changing. Theory testing is being reviewed by the agency and could be implemented without European approval.

The commission has not yet laid down minimum road building standards, aithough it has attacked some roadbuilding plans in Britain.

There is an inexorable move towards European standards for everything. In the world of cars and motoring, there are strong doubts that these will bring benefits. Indeed, if the hapless European motorcyclist's head is an example of harmonisation. what is being proposed is not helpful at all, and could be

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Augusta paradise beckons for Baker-Finch



MACK ON THE ROAD

GOLF CORRESPON UFNT IN MELBOURN

IAN Baker-Finch has a problem of which others would be envious. "I set myself the goal of winning the Open Championship by the time I was 30," he said. "I did that at Royal Birkdale last summer, even if it was with only a few months to spare. But I'm a goal-orientated person so I must find new targets."

Baker-Finch nurses the conventional ambition of wanting to win all four major Georgia, or more specifically

in April, is already on his mind, even if he must first address the Australian version, which starts here tomorrow at the Huntingdale Golf Club.

"I won the Australian Masters in 1988 and I' would obviously like to win it again this week," he said.
"But at the moment I can't think of anything I would rather do in my career than win the US Masters. So my immediate goal is to get myself into the best form I can for the US Masters in April. "I've fulfilled one dream by

winning the Open, because it

means I can go back and play in the Championship for the next ten, 15, 20 years or whatever. If I won the US Masters, I'd be similarly placed for Augusta. "What more could you ask

for than to be able to play in the Open Championship and the US Masters every year of your life until you die? I played well at Augusta last vear and I love the course. If there is a golf course in heaven then I'm sure it would be a replica of Augusta," he

Baker-Finch has planned his schedule to ensure he is ready for Augusta. He will

return from the Australian kind of shots - the chip-and-Masters, sponsored by Pyramid, to play four tournaments in succession on the US Tour, but he will not compete the week before Augusta. Instead, he will escape to a little piece of land where he can prepare for the US Masters.

"The hardest thing at Augusta is the chipping and putting," he said. "The grass so short and so wellgroomed that to open the club face a little and hit those delicate shots is extremely difficult.

"So the week before I want to devote to practising those

runs which can make life easier at Augusta. I've found a place where I can do that and where I can also practise downhill and sidehill putts. In fact the only negative thought I have about Augusta is the pace of the greens. I think for the last five or six years they have been extra quick and the tournament

putting. Baker-Finch admits that winning the Open last summer transformed his life. He wasted little time in celebrating the success. He and his wife, Jennie, returned to the

can be won on chipping and

Royal Birkdale course only hours after his victory.

"It was just after midnight and we sat in the grandstand overlooking the 18th green with a bottle of champagne. which we drank out of the old claret jug." Baker-Finch

"There were the spotlights from the clubhouse so it was all very well lit-up. Then Jennie and I walked down the 18th hole so we could look back at the green and the clubhouse. I will never forget

Baker-Finch woke up the following morning to find that everyone wanted a piece of him. Yet he agreed to every request to attend charity functions or to talk at

"I am taking so much from this game that I have got to try to give back as much as I can," he said. "It might be a bit of a hassle to me at times, but it means so much to a lot of people who have put in a lot of hard work to help the game prosper."

It is an outlook rare in today's high-octane sports world. I suspect Bobby Jones, the creator of Augusta, would be proud if in April Ian Baker-Finch became the

HOCKEY

Oxford complete

clean sweep of

RUGBY UNION

Villepreux calls on England to run with ball in Paris

BY PETER BILLS

THE challenge facing England in Paris this weekend will be to develop the total rugby they showed against Ireland, rather than close their eyes to all but a second

consecutive grand slam. Pierre Villepreux, the former Toulouse dub coach, says a repeat of the bold attacking plan which put Ireland to the sword would destroy France. But Villepreux. who was once called in as adviser to the England squad, said: "If England play a more said: "If Engl restricted game in Paris, then they will offer France their only opportunity to succeed."

Villepreux is a passionate supporter of the fast-flowing game England employed at Twickenham 11 days ago. "England would win in Paris playing such a style," he said.

madness

"France will be very well organised to handle the right, kicking game which England have played in the past. But they could not cope with the coaching Treviso, the Italian sort of attacking play Eng-

Ireland." Villepreux said the barrier to England adopting a similarly expansive approach was twofold: their mentality, and Will Carling, the captain.

"For me, the real problem is Carling because I think it is him who stops England playing this wide game, Villepreux said.

"He is the captain and in his position he can tell Rob Andrew to kick or he can run the ball himself back to his forwards.

"England's weakness is that their game has been too organised. Their philosophy is that in certain positions they cannot play, they must kick. But that is wrong because this England team has the ability to play in every position on the field."

Villepreux's analysis should cause sober reflection within the England camp. Now

Specialist enhances Halliday's chances

sessions.

THE prospects of Simon Halliday, the injured England wing, proving his fitness by tonight for Saturday's international against France have been enhanced by a medical expert who has assisted several rugby league players (Peter Bills writes).

Halliday has been having daily treatment from Alan Watson, a London sports in-juries specialist who has treated league players like Ellery Hanley, Martyn Offiah and Andy Gregory. Will Carling. the England captain, has also

England Colts squad has had

to give up his job as a barman

with Reading to be able to

represent the club in com-

Greg Way, aged 25, a stand-off half who has been a

member of the club for sever-

al years, applied for the job at

Lorcan Mullally, a spokes-

man for the club, which plays

in South West Division One,

the start of last season.

Halliday reported his strained hamstring slightly easier yesterday after physiotherapy and swimming

He said: "The injury has eased but I do not know how it will be when I meet up with the England squad on Wednesday evening. I imagine England would have to be pretty certain of my fitness to allow me not to take part in a full practise session tomorrow

If Halliday is ruled out Nigel Heslop, the Orrell wing, will reclaim his place.

Club barman is banned by RFU

BY JOHN GOODBODY

we did check the rules at the

time, and as far as we were

concerned he was not infring-

However, after a qualifica-

tion dispute for the Berkshire

Cup involving the player-

coach at nearby Maiden-

head. Reading decided to be

absolutely certain of Way's

status and wrote to the Rugby

RFU regulations say that

Football Union (RFU).

ing his amateur status."

land showed against supporter of the England They have so much ability;

it is perfectly possible for them to play total rugby, with backs and forwards involved in dynamic movement. But their mentality holds them back, for if they have a very important game they don't try to play that way. For me, that is a mistake.

"They must be brave, because they would certainly win more easily against France on Saturday playing that way. And to win such a match in style is the only way to alter your mentality.

"Of course it is necessary to win and do the grand slam if it is possible. But by playing good rugby and becoming used to that adventurous style, England can win in the long term. A side as good as England should be playing this total rugby all the time. They can use the five nations' championship to develop this

style for the next World Cup." Villepreux's beliefs concerning England are close to those of Pierre Berbizier, the French national coach, who insists England were potentially the best team in the World Cup and should have

won the tournament. France, as a side, had a long way to go to find success, Villepreux said. They required a definite new playing pattern, not an amalgam of the styles of Fouroux, Trillo

Philippe Saint-André, the French right wing, faces a fitness test before Saturday. after having a muscle contraction in the thigh when playing last Sunday. Standing by are Eric Bonneval and David Berty, both of Toulouse, and Patrice Lagisquet,

the union "will not approve

the appointment of paid

coaches for club teams nor

may paid administrators of a

club represent that club as a

player in any RFU

Mullally said: "We fully accept what the RFU said."

Way has now given up his paid job and last Saturday

played in the club's Courage

league game at home to Cinderford.

competition".



Under fire: Carling, the England captain, is the real problem. Villepreux says

Fitzgibbon clear on his task

By Peter Bills

spends his working week surrounded by beauty. But there can be no greater contrast between the delicate pieces crafted by the glass company for which he works in Ireland as a mechanical engineer and the image of the hard, cauliflower-eared rugby player.

That is one quirk about Ireland's open-side flank forward who made his debut against Wales this season. Another is the philosophy of the breakaway, who faces Scotland at Lansdowne Road on Saturday. The Shannon player, aged 26, says: "Rugby comes second in my life. First and most important is my girlfriend. Rugby has to finish one day but if you work hard enough a relationship

can continue forever." Nobody should misunderstand such words. The tough

MICHAEL Fitzgibbon side of those who play Munster rugby is axiomatic; there is an unspoken commitment to the physical side of the game. "We feel you have to do the physical things," he said. "Confrontation is all. We play our rugby hard and like to put pressure on teams."

Fitzgibbon, born in Limerick and educated at Trinity College, Dublin, has represented Ireland at diverse levels: school, university, under-25 and then, last season, the B side. But only Gordon Hamilton's injury this year opened the way to the senior

"Circumstances changed for me after I'd been there a few years and never made the breakthrough. But when Gordon got injured the chance came and now I have to try and grab it," he said. In the losses to Wales and

England, Fitzgibbon was probably one of the least culpable, but he regarded the performances with distaste. No one did themselves justice and I have certainly played better in the past. The commitment was not there from all 15 players, maybe because we were too hyped-up beforehand in the light of the

World Cup."
An enhanced level of performance will be the first requirement in Dublin this weekend and Fitzgibbon, much in the manner of Fergus Slattery, whom he admired so much in his younger days, seeks to target the stand-off half. "That is one part of my job. But it is about a lot more. Scotland are a good side but we have to try and upset them by taking the ster man, always so.

Services teams

Oxford University...... The Army......

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

OXFORD University outmanoeuvred the Army with some powerful attacking play in their annual match at North Oxford sports ground yesterday, victory giving them a grand slam over the Services teams in the space of six days. They beat the RAF 2-1 at Reading last Friday, the day after trouncing the Royal Navy 5-0.

Last year, the Army won this fixture 4-3, and they raised hopes of another rousing finish yesterday when they wiped out Oxford's twogoal lead. In the second half, however, Oxford took firm control. In the absence of Jennings, Jolly, Hazlitt and Boxell, the Army were short of skill and relied mainly on speed and thrust.

Within six minutes of the start. Oxford scored through Hoskin and Mackay, from a short corner. The Army quickly retaliated with a goal by Bartley from Hanson's centre and another by Jordan from a short corner.

Midway through the first half Hoskin was nenalised for a reckless tackle which rather harshly earned him a suspension for 11 minutes. In that

time Oxford went 4-2 ahead. Markham conventing a penalty stroke while Morley scored by following up from a

Exchanges were even in the first ten minutes of the second half with each side forcing two short corners. But Oxford soon began to find the gaps and Bambury scored cleverly from a short corner. While Ralph, a substitute for Markham, was under suspension, having spent only 37 seconds on the field. Edwards scored Oxford's sixth goal on the follow-up from a short corner. For a relatively minor offence, Raiph was suspended for ten minutes, and to add to Oxford's dismay two goals were disallowed for offside in the

ROWING

Oxford crew gives an impressive display

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

the official announcement of this year's Boat Race crews, Oxford revealed their present line-up in two 3,000-metre contests against a Leander crew at Henley last Sunday. Although many of Leander's top oarsmen are at altitude training in South Africa, Oxford's opponents on Sunday were a strong combination.

Oxford won both races over a downstream course from the Royal Regatta finish. In the first, Leander, on the Bucks station, led by a length after one minute, but Oxford, although at a lower rating, drew level by halfway and went on to win by nine

After switching stations for the second contest, the pattern was reversed. Oxford led over the first half and it was the turn of Leander to draw level at Temple Island with

WITH two weeks to go before their favourable bend still to come. Oxford, however, still at a lower rate, increased the pressure and went ahead around the outside of the

bend to win by four seconds. This was an impressive performance from a well-drilled Oxford boat with old Blues Joe Michels, Peter Bridge, and Cal MacLennan in the stern and Hamish Hume bringing experience to the No. 2 seat. Michels, the president, showed real racing pedigree at stroke and the coxswain, Elizabeth Chick, did well to cope with Leander's British international

steersman, Garry Herbert. Steve Royle, Oxford's row ing director, was pleased with the performance and considers that he still has ten realistic candidates to sort out, two of whom were in the Isis boat which had a comfortable win over Upper Thames.

BRIDGE

A FORMER member of the said: "Before appointing him

Cooke held in reserve

JONATHAN Cooke and David Bakhshi, both teenagers, have been selected at reserve for the British team for the European junior championships this summer (Albert Dormer writes). Cooke is 19. Bakhshi 17, and it is hard to recall British players of that age being potentially exposed in such an

event before. There are no real surprises

Danny Davies and Phil Souter, Jason and Justin Hackett, Peter Dunsby and Harry Anoyrkatis. All three pairs have considerable junior

RESULTS: Worcester: Swise teams: 1, R Edwards, 7 Matthews, Y Gey, D Device; 2, Mr and Mrs S Kennewell, Mr and Mrs J Holman, Swise pals: 1, R Edwards, T Matthews; 2, K Stanley, R Dempster, Essex point-a-board beam: 1, Mr and Mrs T Green, Dr R Allen, T Reser: 2, G Russell, Mrs G Aranha, A Powys, C King.

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Taking liberties with the Queen's English

IT WOULD be curmudgeon-

ly to moan about the opening ceremony for the Winter Olympic Games into which so much obvious effort had gone. In all fairness, though, you had to laugh. True, the athletes paraded with great order and charm. True, the girls and boys of the supporting drama gave it their best shot. True, the little singer who sang her national anthem unaccompanied while being pushed skywards on a table attached to a pole had a truly beautiful voice and took part in a ceremony she — and we — will

never forget. But not since Cole Porter had the nerve to rhyme "spoil" with "girl" (with the instruction to pronounce the latter as "goil") has anyone in the world taken such liberties with the Queen's English as did the writers of the introductions to each com-

SPORT ON TELEVISION THE WEEK IN REVIEW

peting team as it entered the arena. One example will do: have you ever thought of rhyming "here" with Korea"

It fair took the breath away, but then the whole Winter Olympics effort is breathtaking if, like me, you are a sporting wimp who wouldn't dare even contemplate doing the things these boys, girls, men and women do so beautifully.

I think I've cracked what makes the Winter Olympics so fascinating it is all down to human skill, not just brute force (except perhaps in the ice hockey, of which a word in a minute). Timing. skill, nerve, balance, fitness.

all the things that cannot be improved by machines but only by a combination of talent and work - that's what the Games in Albertville are all about. There will surely be great

moments between now and the end of the Games, but we won't see better skills. I think, just more of them. I channel-hopped to Sky Sport on Sunday evening and spotted an interview with a young lady called Bonnie Warren, an airline pilot by profession, a parttime television sportscaster and an expert at the most hair-raising event of the lot — luge, where you sit on what looks like a tin tray. lean backwards, give yourself a push, and go down a Cresta Run-style course at speeds that would have Nel-

son Piquet reaching for tranquillisers. Her final comment: "I know I can't win this, but I'm an Olympic junkie, so

I'll be out there trying. The I'm not going to break are bones! Everything about the Win-ter Olympics is beautiful,

from the sheer cleansing sparkle of the snow to the fresh-faced looks you get from almost every competitor. Then, of course, there is the ice hockey, where the



Hendry: likes trophy

players, if you ever got to see their faces clearly, would surely look like men you would prefer not to meet in an alley on a dark night.

To be sure, it's skilful, but does it have to be so dirty and downright silly? It all reminds me of a line a Canadian pal of mine threw out once when he said: "I went to see the big fight on Satur-day and an ice hockey game broke out." Watching the opening games. I know what

Of course, it wasn't all Olympics over the weekend. Another snooker final came and went and young Stephen Hendry fairty demolished John Parrott in the final of the Benson and Hedges Masters. That makes it four times for Hendry and it really is about time they gave him the pot to keep. He says he'd like it! Parrott, on the other hand, was making the point

that there is now so much

top men, he hasn't time to go home and feed the cat before he's off to another

event. A fair point. Maybe there's too much of all sports: cricket never stops: rugby is dominating its participants' lives to a point where they are taking themselves too seriously; racing is now on all-weather tracks, and it's only a matter of time before we have it on Sundays (a good idea) and under lights (a very bad idea); and there are more cups and competitions in football than most people actually

want. Just a thought, but didn't we appreciate our sport more when there was a little bit less of it and it was more skilful? Maybe that's another reason why the Winter Olympics are so much fun to watch: they happen only every four

England erase sour memories of past tours

Gooch can claim the credit for a bright new image

here are few common factors between England's 2-0 victory in the Test match series that ended in Wellington on Monday and the stuitifying, scoreless draw of four years ago. The personnel was greatly changed on this tour, the cricket was altogether more watchable and the on-the-field conduct was above criticism.

All three alterations reflect credit on Graham Gooch. No England captain since Mike Brearley has presided over such a successful run in Test cricket, nor enjoyed the autonomy consequent to that success. This is very much Gooch's team and, by standing up for the characters he required for the job, he assumed responsibility, if not for how they performed, then at least for how they behaved.

In performance, they have left behind the wretched memories of last winter in Australia. Allan Lamb and Phil Tufnell, who came home from that tour with their futures clouded, were, respectively, the leading Test bats-

man and bowler this time.

The fielding, a sick joke 12 months ago, was unrecognisable. But in image, too, England have retrieved lost ground in this country.

Whereas, in 1988, there were players who missed no opportunity to behave with the pouting churlishness of a child who has had his treat cancelled, the present party has accepted good and bad decisions with something close to equanimity.

Stoicism, of course, comes easier when you are winning. The last England side here came fresh from dust-ups in Pakistan and Sydney and had adopted a persecution complex with the series barely under way. Mike Gatting not only saw no wrong in that, he even orchestrated much of the neulance.

Gooch has laid different ground rules and is held in sufficiently high regard for no one to have stepped out of line. There is, however, one member of the hierarchy common to both tours and that is the team manager, Micky Stewart.

It was here, in 1988, that Stewart's role was seen in its most unflattering light

Test match batting and fielding

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Alan Lee, cricket correspondent,

reviews the numerous highs and occasional lows of England's Test

match series with New Zealand

when he should have been distant enough from his players to condemn some of their actions. he was locked into their mentality to the extent that he condoned misconduct and could not understand it being questioned elsewhere.

On Monday, by his overzealous protection of the stretcher bearing David Lawrence from the Basin Reserve, Stewart gave a reminder of those times. Nobody should doubt that his behaviour, even in manhandling a cameraman, was driven by the best intentions for his stricken player. Much can be forgiven in such circumstances. But, not for the first time, emotional mists overcame Stewart, damaging his perspective.

he was struggling to compose himself, unable to comprehend why anyone should be concerned with matters other than the welfare of the player.

I sympathised with him, far

I sympathised with him, far more than when his players were under fire four years ago, but there is no disputing he has helped create an overblown scandal where there should have been only sadness. Not the smallest sadness now is that Stewart's final overseas Test series as manager should have ended so sourly. Everything that preceded it showed him in the way he would wish to be



BOTHAM'S CAREER RECEIPED

his team and conscientious about his duties, usually to the point of taking on too

Stewart is at his happiest when talking cricket and he was grateful, yesterday, to look back on the series, comparing it with 1988. "Some of that series was unspeakably bad," he agreed, "and much of the problem related to the pitches, which made it too hard to bowl anyone out.

"The surfaces prepared for all three Tests this time have provided good, interesting cricket of all different types. All credit to the New Zealanders for taking such a positive attitude."

The final Test contained 230 overs of spin bowling, bearing out Stewart's remarks. Seventy-six of them were bowled by Tufnell, who was not only the most influential bowler in the series but also a monument to the leadership of Gooch. For a confirmed maverick, his temperament has held up

admirably under stress.

Gooch himself has had two recurring themes — the fact that England were never treating it simply as a World Cup warm-up and a vindication of his theory that Alec Stewart could be made into an opening batsman.

Stewart, with 330 runs in the three Tests, was arguably the man of the series and Gooch allowed no one to forget it. "He has taken his chance, as I expected he would," he said. "He has tightened up his game, reacting to the responsibility and could now go from strength to strength."

The next place he could go, in fact, is into Gooch's boots as touring captain in India next winter. That would be the acid test of how much he has advanced and how broad his horizons have become. It will also indicate whether he can achieve the one thing his father could not — maintain a balance between the passions of the team and the attentions of the outside world.



Centre of attention: David Lawrence's career still hangs by a slender thread, but he came spiritedly through the first barrier to recovery yesterday with the successful completion of surgery to wire his broken

kneecap (Alan Lee writes).

Remarkably soon after the operation, at the Wellington hospital, England's heavyweight fast bowler was sitting up in a wheelchair challenging anyone to write him off. Nobody tried and, if the suspicion remains that the size of his body and the style of his bowling will conspire against him playing again, the certainty is that nobody in his plight

will try nartier. Lawrence was into his third ove: on Monday evening when his left knee buckled beneath him in his delivery stride.

"It was like someone put a gun to my kneecap," he said. "It just popped. The first thing that went through my mind was that it might

who believe I will never play again, but I am very determined to fight back and prove them wrong. The doctors are quite confident that if I take it very easy I will be OK, and the operating surgeon even said that six months was a reasonable target for starting to play again."

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Laurie Brown, the England physiotherapist, was Lawrence's first vis-

itor after the surgery. He said: as ever, but then the of "Everything went smoothly. The good news is that nothing has happened internally to the knee, it is but it will be in the back of the back o

just the bone that is damaged."

Lawrence's first target is to put some weight on the leg, while supported by crutches, before he flies home to England, which could not be within a week. Longer term, nobody can be confident of his prospects, and Brown played devil's advocate when expressing the worst

"There can be no guarantee that it won't happen again," he said. "It may be that the strength of his leg muscles has caused the problem.

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"I hope he can bowl as fast again, but it will be in the back of his mind that with one ball he could feel something horrible go again. He will have to get rid of that thought."

Meanwhile, as the England management sought to resolve the dispute with Television New Zealand, Lawrence was emphatic in his defence of colleagues who reacted aggressively to the presence of cameramen while he was being carried from the field on Monday.

"They were like vultures with their cameras," Lawrence said. "Didn't they realise what I was going through?"

Australian conditions look to be a stumbling-block

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN PERTH

WITH only a week to go to the opening ceremony of the World Cup, four of the nine sides are here playing warm-up matches and finding themselves some way short of prime form. Pakistan and India have both lost one-day games to Victoria, and Zimbabwe were roundly beaten by Queensland's second XI last Sunday, the same day as the South Africans lost to Western Australia.

Western Australia.

Even England, when they arrive, are going to find it a different game from the one they are playing in New Zealand. Their opening match is on the trampoline in Perth, where adjustment is a problem. It is probably as well that their opponents will be India, rather than Australia, West Indies or Pakistan, all of whom have bowling attacks well suited by such a pitch.

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Mohammad Azharuddin,
the India captain, felt. understandably, that most of his
side would have benefited
from a week without cricket
after the end of the Test series
last Wednesday. The snag

with that was that it would have given the two young batsmen they have brought over for the World Cup, to replace Sidhu and Vengsarkar, even less chance than they already have of getting accustomed to the steeper bounce of the ball.

Batting on the sub-continent and in Australia can provide the sort of contrast which tennis players face when switching from the clay courts of Paris to the grass of Wimbledon. Perversely, the pitch at the Adelaide Oval yesterday, on which the South Africans arranged an additional fixture, was slow and sometimes low, having already been used for the four days of the recent Sheffield Shield match between South Australia and Queensland.

The last time South Africa had played on the ground, in January 1964, they scored 595, their highest total in Test cricket, Eddie Barlow making 201 and Graeme Pollock 175. Yesterday's game, against a side comprising mostly former pupils of

the Australian Institute of Sport's cricket academy in Adelaide, was washed out soon after the South Africans had made 205 for seven in 50-overs; but another milestone had been raised.

For a few balls towards the end of the South African innings, two Cape Coloureds were batting together, Omar Henry and Faick Davies, one of two players from what, before unification, was the predominantly non-white South African Cricket Board, who are here for experience.

Davies has, in fact, played several times for Western Province, and looked a natural games player, just as he did when playing touch rugby, as a training exercise, with the rest of the South African party on Monday afternoon.

SCORES: Adeletida: South African XI 205-7 (50 cwent: H Cronie 82, A Kuiger 54, South Australien XI 24-0 (8 2 overs), Match abundoned, Melibourne: Australian Country X1 186-7 (42 overs: H Bedford 50 not out; J Shratin 4-28), Indian XI 129-3 (50.4 overs: V Rambil 51 not cut). Australian Country XI won on faster nun rate. Devesport: Your match (final day of three): Paldatan XI 198-8 dec and 33-1; Tasmania 183-8 dec. Match abandoned.

Extra man may pose problems

By RICHARD STREETON

KEITH Fletcher, the England A team manager, admitted yesterday that the addition of Mark Ramprakash to the party for the short mur to Bermuda and the West Indies would bring selection problems in its wake.

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Martyn Moxon's 16-strong side now looks top heavy with batsmen, four openers and four middle-order men being included.

Ramprakash, after having few chances on the senior tour to New Zealand, will join the team around February 26, towards the end of its ten days in Bermuda. The programme in the West Indies comprises only 19 match

days (six fixtures).

Fletcher said Ramprakash faced a great personal challenge. "It is important that he gets right mentally." he said. "His problem is that he has got to do well for us. If he does not, there will be other people trying to take his place."

Fletcher was speaking at the National Sports Centre, Lilleshall, where the players are spending three days for intensive training. It is the climax of five weeks of preparatory work at various other centres, made possible by the Whittingdale coaching spon-

sorship scheme.

In Devon Malcolm and Andy Pick, Fletcher believes he has the two fastest bowlers in English cricket. Both at their peak were quicker, he felt, than the unfortunate David Lawrence. Malcolm, who said Lawrence's accident was both "a tragedy and a nightmare", said he hoped the tour would prove "a relaunch platform" for his own international career.

Michael Atherton and Angus Fraser, whose injuries forced them to withdraw from this winter's England tours, were among the players at Lilleshall. Atherton's back problems are disappearing and he expects to be fit to play for Lancashire on tour in South Africa next month. Fraser's hip injury is mending and he could do some gentle bowling in the nets when he visits Barbados privately in early March.

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Professionals hope to end amateur domination

By SALLY JONES

ALL FIRST-CLASS MATCHES

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THE world's two best professionals will meet two of the leading amateurs for the Lacoste world doubles rackets championship at Clifton College today, with the second leg on Saturday at Queen's Club.

Neil Smith, from Chicago, who is the British professional champion, and Shannon Hazell, the Clifton professional, who is the newly-crowned British Open winner, were narrowly beaten last year by James Male and John Prenn, but will

start as favourites this time. With Male unable to compete because of pressure of work. Harrow-educated Prenn teams up for a rare outing with his friend Willie Boone, an old Etonian, traditional rivalry forgotten in the bid for the world crown.

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At 41, Boone is still a leading force in the game and at the weekend beat Smith, the holder, in a two-and-a-half hour diffhanger to reach the final of the Lacoste British Open, before losing an exciting tussle with Hazell as the effects of his gruelling semifinal took their toll.

Smith and Hazell are eager to prove once and for all that they are now the best in the world, after years in the shadow of the amateurs.

shadow of the amateurs. The fast and fluent Hazell, who last season made a brave but unsuccessful challenge for Male's world singles title, is now fully fit after months of injury and keen to build a healthy lead in the first leg on his home court. Smith, a powerful left-hander, who has been training hard in Chicago, took the British professional title in majestic style, only to show hims of the tentativeness and

fluctuating concentration that have marred his play in the past in the Open semifinal against Boone.

"Shannon and I are feeling pretty confident," he said
yesterday. "We've played together a lot and I'm reasonably happy with my game at
the moment."

Reone and Prenn aged

Boone and Prenn, aged 38. are determined to prove that they can outwit the younger pair and counter their extra power and pace with tactical subtlety, despite giving away nearly two decades in their combined ages. Prenn, who recently

had influenza, has won both the British and Canadian amateur titles this season. Boone will no doubt try to

dominate the match, a role he relishes, as he is still phenomenally fit and his renowned zest for the game is unimpaired. "We're obviously going to have to play above ourselves to match Shannon and Neil but we're both great competitors and mentally very strong, as well as knowing one another's game inside out," he said. "I'm thrilled still to be playing at this level in my forties and experiences counts for a lot."



Prenn: defending

Birds, blossom and baboons amid the bunkers

JOHN Michuki gazed out from his farmhouse: over the lines of coffee bushes. over the forests of albizia and diospyros, over the bluehazed deep green fields, towards Mount Kenya.

Here he was: deep into his fifties; behind him a career in public service from district commissioner in the last days of the British colonial administration to founder and chief executive of the Kenyan Commercial Bank: now head of an international investment company with interests in agriculture, shoemaking and property. And he was dreaming, as all golfers do, not just of reducing his handicap, but of having his very own custom-built golf course: a lake here, a cluster

Tom Clarke on a golfing dream which has become a spectacular reality in Kenya

of bunkers there, a plateau

green here, a dog-leg there.

Most of us dream on.

Michuki stopped dreaming and went to work. He hired Tom Macaulay, president of the British Institute of Golf Architects, as his course designer, they examined ideas in Europe and the United States; they developed a special Bermuda hybrid grass that would thrive in the fine red soil; they took advice from naturalists as well as

from Charles Farrar, the

most experienced of Kenya's

golf professionals ... and through 150 acres of those towering forests, eight miles from Nairobi, they turned Michuki's vision into a spectacular reality.

tacular reality.

There are half a dozen holes that will delight the memory for a long while; there are occasional reminders of Quinta do Lago. Valderrama and the US; but, with birdlife as colourful as it is abundant (one estimate is that there are more than 200 species on the course), and the occasional families of baboons and monkeys, this is nowhere but Kenya.

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To accompany his course, Michuki built a 130-bedroom hotel in a crescent just beyond the 9th and 18th

greens. The hotel is in a style

best described as African baronial, but it is as expansive as the landscape. The total cost was about £6 million, huge by Kenyan standards.

This month Michuki and David Stogdale, his chief executive, and Guy Epsom, his sales and marketing manager, opened the Windsor Golf and Country Club to visitors. Their target is the international golf tourism market. "People are travelling all over the world to play golf these days," Michuki says. "I can't see any reason why they shouldn't come to Kenya."

Few golfers are going to journey thousands of miles for a holiday playing just one course, no matter how special it is; they will want to try one or two others. The Nairo-

bi area will not disappoint

Karen, beautifully-maintained and aglow with blossom. Muthaiga, a diaunting test that is the home of the Kenya Open championship, and Royal Nairobi, newly-refurbished, are busy with members but can accommodate few visitors. The more accessible options for larger groups are Limuru, a piece of Berkshire downland transposed to the equator, and Sigona, renowned for its plethora of flowering shrubs.

There is a smiling welcome at all of them, not least from the caddies, whose light-fingered charm and mischief cast them as the chorus line from Oliver. It is no wonder that the Kenya Golf Union is

planning to register caddies in an attempt to discourage the dishonest ones:

It would be crass to visit Kenya without looking beyond the golf courses. We included a three-day visit to the Masai Mara National Reserve (even more exciting than we had expected), a day's racing in Nairobi, and a visit to the Nairobi National Park (a remarkable game reserve on the city's outskirts). But we left with a dissipance of the city's outskirts.

But we left with a disappointment. John Michuki had one dream still unfulfilled: his handicap was still 21.

Our holiday was arranged

by Abercrombie 8 Kent. We stayed at the Norfolk Hotel, Nairobi, and Kichwa Tembo camp at Masai Mara.

NETBALL

Sweeney and Gravenor get the call

By Louise Taylor

FOLK

PAT Sweeney and Jane Gravenor will make their senior debuts for England against Scotland at Tonbridge, Kent. on Sammay.

Saturday.

The wing attack and goal attack, from Essex Metropolitan and East Essex respectively, are the two new faces in the first England side selected by Liz Broomhead, the England coach who succeeded Betty Galsworthy in

November.
England Under-18 are also in action against their Scottish counterparts at Tonbridge, where Mary Beardwood will be in charge of them for the first time since

succeeding Broomlead.

The Midlands second XI won the inter-divisional tournament contested by representatives of 19 universities at Nottingham last weekend. The South's second XI, the Midlands first XI and the North first XI were second third and fourth. The Midlands sides consisted mainly of players from Lough-

borough and Birmingham.
The quarter-final draw for the national clubs competition is: Toucans v Harborne.
BICC v Academy, Henley v Aquila, New Cambell v



Ballyanto to follow up for Holder

ed by a mid-season break in Barbados, returned to saddle a double with More By Luck and Star Season at Hereford on Monday.

This versatile trainer, based at Portbury, near Bristol, should maintain the momenturn at Worcester today with Ballyanto in the Astwood Handicap Hurdle through.

Last month, Ballyanto landed a competitive selling handicap hurdle over twoand-a-half miles at Chepstow by 30 lengths and the stable was able to retain its winner for just 3,200 guineas. Ballyanto, again ridden by

MANDARIN

2.00 Re-Release

1.30 Edward Seymour.

3.00 Monumental Lad

.30 STEEPLE JACK

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

4.00 Comedy Road

the promising claiming rider David Matthews, returned to Chepstow for a novices' handicap hurdle over two miles and stayed on well for third place behind J Brand.

Now tackling three miles for the first time, Ballyanto can take advantage of his lenient mark by beating Toby Baiding's fluent Newton Abbot winner, Mr Lion, and Grange Brake, who had good novice form earlier in the

Richard Lee produced Comedy Road for a 20-length success at Wolverhampton late in December and the eight-year-old, despite racing

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every chance when falling 2 out, ESCRIBANA 145 th of 8 to Sen Trout in a handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m til, good to firm) on period timete start. RE-RELEASE 25ti 2nd of 16 to Stad-ow Run in a novice handicap chase at Bangor (2m 4f. good to entit).

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2.00 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE

ber.
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Selection: RE-RELEASE

BETTING: 27 Carobee, 6-1 Miner Jackson, 14-1 First Lesson, 20-1 Highland Mait, 25-1 others.

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FORM FOCUS

CAROBEE beat Ring Of Fortune 12 in a 13-runner novice hurdle at Lescester (2m, soft). FIRST LES-SON 311 12th of 18 to Avonburn in a National Huntitat race at Ludlow (2m, good to firm) in December 1990. MINER JACKSON 201 3rd of 10 to Snitton Lane in a novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, good).

NOTHINGBUTPLEASURE 32 12th of 18 to Woodunather in a novice hurdle at Wincenting (2m, good) or penultimate start. PEARLY FLIGHT 431 7th of 16 to Miss Purback in a National Hurti flat race at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, soft).

2.30 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

(Qualifier: £2,446: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

BITTER BUCK had every chance when squeezed out close home in an 11-runner novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good) won by Mig in Novem-

(Qualifier: Div I: £1,670: 2m) (13 runners)

FORM FOCUS

EDWARD SEYMOUR 4% 6th of 15 to Switch in a novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m, good) on penuitinate start TAYLORS CASTLE beat this first 8 1/4 in a 14-runner selling handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good), with HARVEST SPLENDOUR (7th better off) 2/41 4th.

BETTING: 11-8 Re-Release. 5-2 Northern Jinks, 6-1 Sitter Buck, 10-1 Kitchi Koo, Meterial Giri, 16-1 others. **FORM FOCUS**

1.30 Sikera.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 RE-RELEASE.

over a shorter trip, can complete a double in the Abberley Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase.

The other handicap chase can go to Monumental Lad, a course and distance winner, who, uncharacteristically, fell when challenging the eventual winner, King Of The Lot,

at Wolverhampton last week. However, for the nap I rely on the Kevin Bishop-trained Steeple Jack to open his account in the second division of the EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle.

Steeple Jack, despite starting at 66-1 for his debut, finished an encouraging close-up third behind Barry Window and Irish Bay at Newton Abbot last month.

His credentials look superior to that of Jenny Pitman's Chemin Le Roi, who beat a hasty retreat when a tailed-off sixth behind Native Pride at Cheltenham.

The first division of this event looks at the mercy of David Nicholson's Carobee, who decisively beat Ring Of Fortune — a runaway winner at Plumpton on Monday - at

Leicester last month. The Heathfield trainer

Gardie Grissell had a wretched day at that Plumpton meeting with three of his four runners falling, including Le Chat Noir who overjumped the second fence in the Hassocks Handicap Chase.

This talented nine-year-old quickly reappears in the Canterbury Handicap Chase at Folkestone and, if he settles early on, could reward at decent odds.

Richard Rowe has made a fine start to his training career and Great Aspect, who won for him over the course and distance last month, can follow up successfully in the Goodwins Handicap Hurdle.

FORM FOCUS

BELSTONE FOX 144 4th of 6 to Gran Alba in the grade it Genry Fielden Hurdle at Newbury (2m 100yd, good to soft) on penutimate start. Makes chesing debut. MONIUMENTAL LAD 91/2 3rd of 5 to My Young Man in a handlesp chase at Heydock (2m, good) on penutimate start: CHEF FRONSIDE 91 4th of 7 to its Neen'y Time in a handlesp chase at Chepstow (2m, good), more FUESO BOY was behind when failing 2 out and BLUE BOURBON was pulled

up before 2 out. TiLDEBO beel Acre Hill 2! in a 4runner handicap chase at Plumpton (2m., good).
ROXALL CLIMP 3 3rd of 8 to King Of the Lot in a
handicap chase at Wolverhampton (2m., good),
where MONUMENTAL LAD (asme terms) held evory chance when unseating rider 2 out. CAME
DOWN best Tenecount 15! in a 5-runner handicap
chase at Wincanton (2m. good to soft).
Selection: MONUMENTAL LAD

3.30 ASTWOOD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,318: 3m) (26 runners)

1	133-006	RASTANNORA 14 (C.F.S) (Fairford Wholesale Ltd) M Pipe 7-11-13 D Richmond (7)
. 5	4/035-10	SEA TROUT 23 (F) (Miss J Horwood) Miss J Horwood 8-11-9
ā	633/2/P-	HEYFLEET 396 (F,S) (The Heyfleet Partnership) Mrs J Priman 9-11-7 M Priman
4	1-12431	MR LION 20 (S) (Whiteombe Manor Racing Stables Limited) G Balding 10-11-6 R Quest
6	005322/	PARLEZVOUSFRANCAIS 636 (C.F.S) (Fairlord Ltd) M Pipe 8-11-3 P Scudemore
ē	141500	NORDIC DELIGHT 41 (V.C.F.G.S) (G Jennings) M Pipe 5-11-2 T Descombe (7)
7	1/31/59	WHISKEY GRAIN 20 (D.F.G.S) (N Coulson-Slavens) G Ham 10-11-1
ā	213523	ISABEAU 26 (V.F.G) (7 Pryke) K Morgan 5-11-0
Ö	DOD AND	MYNAH KEY 709 (D,S) (A Perkins) P Dalton 11-11-0 J J Quinn
	323021	THE LIGHTER SIDE 9 (D.F.G.) (D Davies) M Charles 6-10-12 (Sex.) Judy Davies (7)
. 44	60.1199	GRANGE BRAKE 46 (G.S) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-11 C Liewellyn
	04-1100	BALLYANDO DO SO (1 Charl D Links 2 No. 2)
-12	CENT 500	BALLYANTO 22 (S) (J Chard) R Holder 7-10-9 D Matthews (7) 6
.13	OFF-OFF	ELVERCONE 46 (V,C,G,S) (Mrs C Scott) A J Wilson 11-10-8 A Webb
.34	17042235	QUEEN'S ANTHEM 20 (S) (Mrs D Thorspeon) R Dickin 9-10-7 Martin Jones
15	00/0000	VISCOUNT TULLY 25 (S) (Furnel Securities S A) C Jackson 7-10-6
16	P4PP-0P	ABBA LAD 26 (G.S) (Mrs A Taylor) J Booley 10-10-5
17	PF-P550	MIR OPTIMIST 25 (S) (Miss T White) Miss T White 11-10-5 Mr J Roes
18	2/60030	LOBRIC 26 (F.G) (B Hutchinson) J Jenkins 7-10-4
19	3520	SANDFORD SPRINGS 28 (R Williams) D Burchell 5-10-4 D J Burchell
20	P0-0633	DUCKHAVEN 29 (G,S) (Duckheren Stud) R Baker 9-10-4 N Coleman
21	006-P00	ADAMS IMPRINT 14 (B,F) (D Lowe) Mrs G Jones 9-10-2
22	1-0260	CASTIGLIERO 35 (V) (Mrs B Mead) C Brooks 4:10-0
23	3-34050	OUTTO PRINCE 30 (B,G) (Mrs E Elfs) K Blahop 11-10-0
24	00/00-00	DAPPING 20 (G,S) (Mrs J James) A James 8-10-0
25	1EP/EP0	COURT APPEAL 27 (F) (A South) Mrs A Knight 10-10-0
28	341522	GLEBELANDS GIRL 30 (BF,G,S) (D Walsh) R Rove 5-10-0 L Dace (7)
		arrangement on the total for tarmed to toman a language of the fit

Long handicup: Quito Prince 9-13, Depping 9-12, Court Appeal 9-10, Glebelands Girl 9-10. BETTING: 9-2 Grange Brake, 11-2 Mr Llon, 6-1 Ballyanio, 8-1 See Trout, 10-1 Res

FORM FOCUS					
SEA TROUT beat ISABEAU (8to better off) 3t in an 8-trunner handicap hurdle at Nottinghem (2m 6); good to firm). MR LLON beat Driver II in a 13-trunner handicap hurdle at Nowton Abbott (3m 2' 100yd, good to soff), with QUEEN'S ANTHEM (10to better off) 22/3/ 5th, DAPPING (17th better off) 22/3/ 7th and WHISKEY GRAIN pulled up before 2 out. BABEAU 2 and of 10 to Hugli in a handicap hurdle at Kampton (3m, good to firm), with LOBRIC (13to	better off) 221 7th. GRANGE BRAKE 171 to Triple Witching in a novice hundle at Net 100yd, good). BALLYANTO 9½1 3rd of Brend in a novice handicap hundle at Chengood to soft). QUEEN'S ANTHEM 3½ 2n Just As I Am in a handicap hundle, over odstance (good), with DUCKHAVEN (2b 12½1 3th. Selection: QUEEN'S ANTHEM				
4.00 ABBERLEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE					

(£2,755: 2m 4f) (17 runners)

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	2 6121-44 SIKERA SPY 37 (CD.F) (Plancon Ltd) Mrs A Hewitt 10-11-1 D J Mottest	9
	3 0021/F1 COMEDY ROAD 47 (F,G) (J Besvan) R Lee 8-10-13	
	4:483F06/ONLY TROUBLE 667 (D,S) (T Houlbrooks) T Houlbrooks 11-10-7 D Meade (?)	_
1	5 4/1/0-6F CLARE LAD 5 (F,S) (Travall Employment Group Ltd) G Hem 9-10-6 V Stattery	8
Į	8 F58904/ LOR MOSS 708 (CD,F,S) (A Leighton) A Leighton 12-10-6	_
ı	7 313-F5U MAYBE BABY 25 (G) (8 Lindsey) D Berons 7-10-6 R Greene	8
I	8 OF1-3FF TOPPING-THE-BILL 12 (F) (Mrs I K Dipple) M Pipe 7-10-5	
ı	9 P/524P- PRINCE RAMBORO 298 (G.S) (A Sadik) C Smith 11-10-5 B CRifford	9
Į	10 0-42056 MENINGE 14 (D.F.G.S) (H Perry) Mrs H Perrott 11-10-3	9
ļ	11 SUB-OPO SPARK OF PEACE 25 (G.S) (B Cahle) P Blockley 10-10-1 P Midgley	ă
ļ	12 P-43024 SALCOMBE HARBOUR 29 (B,D,G,S) (R McHardy) P Nicholis 8-10-0 P Hughes (7)	9
ı	13 2-4F45P SHOTINGO 11 (D,G,S) (W Sheedy) W Sheedy 12-10-0 A Flennigen (7)	9
ı	14 F-5321U D'OR'S GEM 23 (D.F.G) (South Cheshire Recehorses Ltd) P Beven 9-10-0 D Bridgwetter	Š
ı	15 45-P4U0 FAST STUDY 8 (S) (Brig C Hervey) D Micholson 7-10-0 R Bellemy	8
l	16 10/46-00 FREE JUSTICE 11 (S) (Mrs C Scott) A J Wilson 8-10-0	7
l	17 3/0-4383 GLEBE PRINCE 14 (D Welch) R Rowe 12-10-0 1 Dace (5)	ā
ľ	Long handicap: Salcombe Harbour 9-13, Shotingo 9-13, D'Or's Gern 9-13, Fast Study 9-10, Free Justic	
ŀ	Long terrorse, decombe narrour 313, stourgo 513, D Or's Gen 513, Fast Study 510, Hee Justic Geles Prince 97.	8 3-1

BETTING: 7-2 Comedy Road, 11-2 Eight Springs, 6-1 Fast Study, 8-1 Sätera Spy, 12-1 others.

Qualifier: Div I: £1,670: 2m) (13 runners)		FORM FOCUS
1 131 CAROBEE 23 (D.G.S) (Mrs. R Skurr) D Nicholson 5-71-5	99	
2 ANOTHER THOUGHT (I Kennedy) K White 7-11-0, A O'Hagen		EIGHT SPRINGS best Good Tonic a short head in (3m 1f, good). PRINCE RAMBORO 5: 2nd of 7 k
3 0 CASTELLANI 5 (J. Rothwell) Mrs J Evans 7-11-0		an 11-runner handicap chase at Doncaster (2m 4f,) Yingan in a hundicap chase at Devon (3m 1f, heavy
4 CELTIC ROMPER (T Houlbrooke) T Houlbrooke 5-11-0 B Powell		good) last February. SIKERA SPY 19/41 4th of 12 to in March. D'OR'S GEM unchallenged, best Record Mr Boston in a handicep chase at Wolverhampton i Flight 251 in a 3-runner conditional lockeys' handicep.
5 0- FIRST LESSON 418 (Stainless Threeded Fasteners Ltd) P Hobbs 6-11-0 Pater Hobbs		(3m 11, good). COMEDY ROAD beat Flemish Fudge chase at Nottingham (2m 8t, good to firm).
6 00 MARINE ICES 14 (B) (Mrs P Glenn) J Chugg 5-11-0 W Humphreys		20 in a 15-runner handicap chase at Wolverhampton Selection: EIGHT SPRINGS
7 3 MINER JACKSON 43 (T Hernmings) S Mallor 5-11-0		
8 CU-400F NOTHINGBUTPLEASURE 47 (Quantocks Recing) C Pophem 6-11-0 S Burrough		4.30 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
9 0 PEARLY FLIGHT 85 (R Eckley) R Eckley 5-11-0 R Beltamy 10 0- POTEASY 306 (Petrick Burling Developments List) G Balding 6-11-0 S Hodgson		. 4.JU EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
11 P/0800- SENNA BLUE 317 (R Pugh) R Pugh 7-11-0		(Qualifier, Div II: £1,656: 2m) (12 runners)
12 0-0 HIGHLAND MALT 28 (A Sexton) J Boxley 6-10-9 M Boxley		1 BADBURY PRINCE (C Cowley) J King 6-11-0 P Scudemore -
13 MAID OF ONIONS (I Johnson) Mrs S Johnson 5-10-9 Miss C Thomas (7)		2 0-036 CHEMIN LE ROI 42 (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitmen 5-11-0 M Pitmen 6 95
SETTING: 2-7 Carobee, 6-1 Miner Jackson, 14-1 First Lesson, 20-1 Highland Mait, 25-1 others.		3 00 JOKESTER 53 (A Liddlard) C Nesh 5-11-0 Mr T Jones —

4.30 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

(Qu	(Qualifier, Div II: £1,656: 2m) (12 runners)					
1		BADBURY PRINCE (C Cowley) J King 6-11-0 P Scudemore				
2		CHEMIN LE ROI 42 (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0	•			
3		JOKESTER 53 (A Liddlerd) C Nesh 5-11-0 Mr T Jones	٠			
4		LLACCA SAM 28 (H Thursfield) M Eckley 5-11-0				
5		STEEPLE JACK 20 (K Bishop) K Bishop 5-11-0				
6		CHILLY DAY 14 (H Horler) Miss C Horler 6-10-9	٠			
7	0-0	LONESOME STEP 68 (Lyonshall Racing) R Ecidey 5-10-9 D Gallegher				
8	P-P0	PENLEA LADY 9 (Mrs S Addinsell) K Bridgwater 5-10-9				
9		POLLY PENORA (Mrs J McCormack) R Frost 5-10-9 J Frost				
10		RAGLAN LADY 102 (Mrs A Evans) A James 5-10-9	•			
11		RUTHS PRIDE 293 (G Price) G Price 7-10-9				
12	0-F	STONED OLIVE 8 (D Palmer) J Spearing 7-10-9 A Webb	•			
BET	TING: 154	B Chemin Le Roi, 5-2 Steeple Jack, 9-2 Llacca Sam, 12-1 Badbury Prince, 14-1 others.				

	BE I INVO: 15-6 Chemin Le Hoi, 5-2 Steeple Jack, 9-2 Liston Jack, 12-1 Emboury Prince, 14-1 Others.
3.00 LOWESMORE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,427: 2m) (12 runners)	FORM FOCUS
1 00/1-04F BELSTONE FOX 54 (BF.G) (Mrs R Stan) D Nicholson 7:11-10	CHEMIN LE ROI 98 3rd of 14 to Fox Chapel in a novice hurdle at Uttoweter (2m, good). LLACA SAM novice hurdle at Uttoweter (2m, good). LLACA SAM novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 100yd, good to 12½) 4th of 16 to Young Hustler in a novice handle cap hurdle at Lidlow (2m 51, good to firm). STEE-
6 44122/5- TIDAL STREAM 466 (D.B.S) (S Preston) T Forster 9-10-8	COURSE SPECIALISTS
8 22F-4PP BLUE BOURBON 36 (D,S) (R Holder) R Holder 8-10-2 E Byrne 89 1-36341 CAME DOWN 34 (D,Q.S) (Mrs N Mertin) R Hodges 9-10-2 Peter Hobbs 88	TRAINERS Winners Runners Per cent JOCKEYS Winners Rudes Per cent M Pipe 42 111 37.8 P Scudamore 49 138 36.5
10 530-24F FUEGO BOY 36 (D.G.S) (A Derlington) A J Wilson 12-10-1 G Braciley 91 11 025U2P O'REILLY 26 (D.BF.G.S) (T Henrings) S Mellor 9-10-0 M Perrett 88	
12 032243/ RINGMORE 641 (D.F.G) (Mrs J Askew) J Parkes 10-10-0	T Forster 16 74 21.6 C Maude 6 41 14.6 D Barons 16 84 19.0 N Coleman 8 56 14.3
BETTING: 7-2 Monumental Lad, 5-1 Came Down, Titlebo, 6-1 Belstone Fox, 6-1 Roxali Clump, 12-1 others.	P Hobbs 13 75 17.3 J Frost 10 72 13 9

2.40 KENT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,158: 3m 2f) (9 runners)

THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS MANDARIN 1.40 LE CHAT NOIR 1.40 POPESWOOD 1.40 Le Chat Noir. (nap). 2.10 Great Aspect. 2.40 Pry's-Joy. 3.10 Smart Rebal. 3.40 Emsec-H. 4.10 Sunday Punch. 2.10 Great Aspect. 2.40 Pamber Priory. 3.10 Scent Of Battle. 3.40 Emsee-H. 4.10 Sunday Punch.

GOING: GOOD, SOFT PATCHES (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT, SOFT LAST

1.40 CANTERBURY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,194; 2m 4f) (9 runners)

Long handicap: Earl Soham 9-13, Bill And Coup 9-11, Rocky Vulgan 9-10, Fenton Bridge 9-8. BETTING: 11-4 Bill And Coup, 4-1 Le Chat Noir, 5-1 Whats Your Problem, 6-1 Popeswood, 8-1 Unique New York, 10-1 Earl Scham, Fenton Bridge, 20-1 Golden Czar, 33-1 Rocky Vulgan. 1991: MEETING ABANDONED - SNOW

2.10 GOODWINS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,590: 2m 100yd) (8 runners) Long handicap: Run Free 9-0

BETTING: 3-1 Great Aspect, 7-2 Ketu, 9-2 Tipp Down, 6-1 Kmo, 7-1 Charlton Yeoman, 10-1 Run Free, 14-1 tze-

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TRAINERS D Grissell D Murrey Smith R Akehurst N Henderson J Gilford P Hedger	Winners 10 6 9 3 16 3	Runners 34 25 38 13 91 19	Per cent 29 4 24.0 23.7 23.1 17.6 15.8	JOCKEYS Mr P Hacking D Murphy M Hichards H Davies L Harvey J Osborne	Wirmers 3 6 6 11 4 3	Rides 12 41 33 63 28	Per cen 25.0 19.5 18.2 17.5 14.3 13.6

BETTING: 9-4 Pry's Joy, 3-1 Over And Above, 5-1 Autumn Zulu, 6-1 Pamber Priory, 8-1 others 3.10 VALENTINE GORTON JUVENILE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,446: 2m 100yd) (12 runners) (4-Y-O: £1,446: 2m 100yd) (12 runners) 1 201 SCENT OF BATTLE 29 (CD.5) (W Carpenier) M Haynes 11-4 ... H Davies • 99 2 ARDENT GROOM 39F (A Merriti) T Jones 10-12 ... S Earle — 3 64 SENGAL TIGER 14 (A Johnston) J Alehburst 10-12 ... A Maguire 96 4 BILLION DOLLARBILL 303F (Mrs P Tetley) Mrs P Tetley 10-12 ... T Grantham 94 5 P03 BLASKET HERO 22 (B) (Automarque (Bournemouth) Lid) R Alehburst 10-12 J Osborne 94 6 P0 BLISTER'S PAL 65 (K Higgson) A Moore 10-12 ... G Moore — 7 0 BLISTINO BAY 9 (P Sheehan) D Shaw 10-12 ... I Lawrence — 8 50 TWAN 8 (Mrs C Morgan) K Morgan 10-12 ... A S Smith 70 9 034 RUN FOR NICK 35 (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Mrs D Hame 10-12 ... N Williamson 87 10 03 SMART REBAL 14 (The Albert Arms) J Akehurst 10-12 ... L Harvey 87 11 2443 SOLID STEEL 30 (D Humphreys) A Moore 10-12 ... Candy Moorts 88 12 F WINOSKI 4 (D Williams) D Williams (D-12 ... S J O'Neii — 185TTRIM2- 5-2 Scent Int Rattle, 7-2 Blasket Hero, Smart Rebal, 6-1 Solid Steel, 8-1 Sengal Tigér, 10-1 others.

BETTING: 5-2 Scent Of Bartle, 7-2 Blasket Hero, Smart Rebai, 6-1 Solid Steel, 6-1 Sengal Tiger, 10-1 others.

3.40 MANSTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,892: 2m) (11 runners)	
1 321110F EMSEE-H 11 (CD,F.S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 7-12-0 A Maguire	94
2 PP- AUTUMIN CRYSTAL 341 (P Boddy) Miss L Bower 8-12-0 T Grantham	· —
3 5F35/22- RUNNING SANDS 483 (BF.S) (Mrs S Wills) J Gifford 8-11-2 D Murphy	, 89
4 335402 SHARPGUN 9 (CD,S) (Miss D Russell) A Moore 6-10-11	99
5 OPC358- GINGER WINGS 328 (D Forehead) A Moore 8-10-0 J Clarks (7)	-
6 32-5006 ANOTHER SEASON 29 (B) (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 8-10-0 J Akehurs	83
7 OPPP-PF THE CHAUFFEUR 9 (S) (8 M Enterprises Ltd) Miss L Bower 10-10-0 M Loughnane (7)	
8 /PPS00 MUTARID 8 (D.F) (V Bootle) K Morgan 7-10-0	78
9 36-F000 BLUE BUCCANEER 28 (Mrs D Price; T Forsier 8-10-0 J White	85
10 00024/0 CHERRY CHAP 28 (O,F) (Miss L Jeffnes) W riolden 7-10-0 S Keightley	
11 0-6FF5U WINNING DANCER 9 (CO.S) (C Bedser) Miss L Bower 9-10-0 P Holley	
SETTING: 8-13 Emisse-H, 100-30 Sharpgun, 7-1 Running Sands 10-1 Winning Dancer, 14-1 others.	

SETTING: 8-13 Emisse-H, 100-30 Sneipgun, FT Againing Salkis 10-1 Walling	J Dos Co. 14-1 (11-616.
4.10 NORTH FORELAND NOVICES HURDLE (£1,165: 2)	m 100yd) (10 runners)
1 5/20PS4- AL SAHIL 274 (Mrs E Gritins) J Winge 7-11-0	D Poole (7) 79
2 00-00 DOVEHILL 33 (R Townsend) R Townsend 6-11-0	Mr D Townsend 53
3 0 EDIMBOURG 9 (A'Richards) S Woodman 6-11-0	
4 0 GLAZERITE 15 (N Greening) FI Guest 5-11-0	Ş Weeds —
5 0 HIMLAJ 23 (Mrs B Mayorcas) S Mellor 7-11-0	Ş Earle
6 5 PROSEQUENDO 12 (J Daniela) M Diston 5-11-0	Dale McKeown
7 306-035 SUNDAY PUNCH 39 [Pell-melt Partners] J Gifford 6-11-0	D Murphy 98
8 3/63- TIPP MARINER 359 (Mrz.J Biahop) D Grissell 7-11-0	. I Lawrence 94
9 /22/60-0 YEOMAN METRO 9 (Mrs H Alwan) J Giflord 8-11-0	
10 P MENAGHI 54 (P Webb) J Upson 5-10-9	. R Supple —
RETTING 9-4 Time Mariner, 4-1 Suppley Punch, 5-1 Processionado, 6-1 Al Sahij	l. 8-1 Glazente 10-1 others.

BETTING: 9-4 Tipp Mariner, 4-1 Sunday Punch. 5-1 Prosequendo, 6-1 Al Sahil, 8-1 Glazente 10-1 others.

Supple fighting to be fit in time for Zeta's Lad

BY MICHAEL SEELY

ROBBIE Supple, injured in a fall at Plumpton on Monday. hopes to be passed fit in time to partner Zeta's Lad at Leopardstown on Sunday for John Upson's attempt to win the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup for the third consecutive

"I was only shaken and bruised, not concussed," said the jockey. "I am going to see my doctor and the boss tomorrow. I am confident that I'll be passed fit before Sun-day." Upson, however, has Richard Dunwoody standing

by as a replacement.

Zeta's Lad, runner-up to
Tom Troubadour at Newbury last Friday, would hardly be in the same league as Nick The Brief, the trainer's previous winner of Ireland's premier conditions chase.

"We won't beat Carvill's Hill, but we might get the better of the Irish horses," said Upson at Towcester yesterday after Tony Byrne, an Irish amateur, had successfully deputised for Supple on Letterfore in the EBF Mares Novices' Hurdle (Qualifier).

"Nick The Brief is having a year's rest as he strained a tendon last season," the train-

The betting suggests that the result of Sunday's big race is a foregone conclusion. P J Hennessy, the Dublin bookmakers, make Carvill's Hill favourite at 9-4 on to repeat his 1989 win. They offer 10-1

be attempting to repeat Forgive'N Forget's 1987 victory for Jimmy Fitzgerald and 33l Zeta's Lad. The Sun Alliance Chase promises to be one of the most

against the other British run-

ner, Gold Options, who will

keenly contested races at the National Hunt Festival and Ladbrokes were prepared to offer 25-1 after Parson's

Supple: recovering

Thorns had just got the better of a desperate battle with Trublion for the Bluebell Novices' Chase

The Charlie Brooks-trained chaser, an impressive winner of his previous two races, looked beaten before Graham Bradley drove the sevenyear-old up to gain the day in the final strides.

"At first sight I was de-pressed," said the trainer. "Graham said that the horse was never going. But Stan Mellor thinks a lot of the runner-up and Parson's Thorns definitely needs three

Miinnehoma and Mutare are Ladbroke's 5-1 jointfavourites for the Sun

Alliance. General Idea, due to reappear at Leopardstown on Sunday, is a 7-1 chance. And Run For Free, a winner at Newton Abbot yesterday for Martin Pipe, is on offer at 14-

A likely winner of the Cheltenham Foxhunters' was on view when Marcus Armytage rode that talented hunter chaser Teaplanter to a highly impressive victory in the John Wrattle Memorial Challenge

Step closer to jockeys' logos

THE Jockey Club has agreed in principle to allow jockeys to carry advertising on their

Racing's governing body welcomed an initiative put forward by the Jockeys' Association and the two bodies will now be working together to produce a detailed scheme.

However, hopes that riders will be sporting logos on breeches and boots by Derby day appear hugely optimistic. A more realistic timetable for

end of this year or beginning of 1993.

Jockey Club stewards considered the proposal at a meeting in London on Mon-day, and in a statement issued yesterday, said: " stewards welcomed this initiative, but decided that a number of important points required further detailed investigation as soon as

The Jockeys' Association

implementation would be the believes that advertising will prove a new money-spinner for the industry. The revenue would not only benefit individual riders and their association but also the racehorse

Michael Caulfield, secretary to the Jockeys' Association, said: "I take the Jockey Club response to be a guarded 'yes'. We will now be formally approached to arrange a meeting and then we will thrash out the details."

MANDARIN 1.50 Gorinsky. 2.20 Inherent Magic. 2.50 Lord Advocate. 3.20 Pop To Stans. 3.50 Boogie Bopper. THUNDERER

1.50 Maid Welcome. 2.20 Ever So Lonely. 2.50 Lord Advocate. 3.20 Palacegate King. 3.50 Well Bought. 4.20 Count Me Out.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.50 DARLTON CLAIMING STAKES (£2,245: 5f) (12 runners)

1 00-0 TIGANI 19 (B.D.F.S) D Chapman 6-9-3

A Coltens 9
8 03-0 MAID WELCOME 28 (B,CD,F) Mrs N Macasiny
58-9 Madeline Smith (7) 11
9 8-06 THE NOBLE CAK 8 (B,F,G) M McCormeck 4-8-9
M Macasing

10 130 FACTUELLE 128 (D.F.G.S) D R Tucker 585... N Adams 11 2-00 LADY OF THE FEN 28 (CD.F) Mis N Miscauley 485 11 2-00 LADY OF THE FEN 28 (CD.F) Ms N Measury 48-5 D Biggs (\$) 1 12 540- LONELY LASS 128 L Bangti 67-13 ______ L Chemock 8 15-8 On The Edge, 7-2 Tigani, 4-1 Gorinsky, 8-1 Maid Welcome, 8-1 Lady Of The Fen, 10-1 Welsy Lad, 12-1 others.

2.20 ASKHAM HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,167: 5f) (9)

9-4 Creche, 3-1 Inherent Magic, 4-1 Ever So Lonely, 6-1 Buddy, 8-1 H's Only Money, 10-1 Grand Time, 12-1 others.

2.50 BARNBY HANDICAP

11-4 Margs Carl, 3-1 Lord Advocate, 9-2 Westfield Moves, 11-2 Irish Native, 8-1 Mail Pen Rail, 10-1 Dashing April, 12-1 others.

3.20 EAST MARKHAM CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,167: 7f) (7) 1 1221 POP TO STANS 14 (CD,F) T Barron 9-3 LORD NASKRA W O'Gorman 8-10

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4 00-6 ELGIN 22 (B) A Balley 9-0 D N	Heholis 7
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A Macpherson (5) 1
3 3-06 KING FERDINAND 12 (6) D R Tucker 5-11-7
Susis Rowe (5) 7
4 082- SIDNEY SMITH 25J E Owen Jr 4-11-4. T Marriow (5) 7
5 038- GREAT IMPOSTOR 60 P Walwyn 4-11-3 J Durkan 12
6 465- SALMAN 107 (D.F.S) S Norton 6-11-3............................ S Lyons 6
7 00-0 TYRIAN PIRPLE 33 (CD) R Hollanthead 4-11-1
8 2-02 BALLERINA BAY 14 (6) D Thom 4-11-0
Diana Jones 13
9 0-05 PRECIOUS AIR 8 (F.G) A Moore 4-11-10 K Gobie (5) 15
10 60-0 TOSHIBA COMET TOD 28 (B.D) W Pearce 4-10-12
D Durrant (5) 9
11 0-03 COUNT ME OUT 8 (B.F) J Peerce 7-10-10

11 0-03 COUNT ME OUT 8 (8,F) J Pearce 7-10-10

12 4030 MODEL NURSE 8 (CD) Mrs A Knight 5 10 8 12 4030 MODEL NURSE 8 (CD) Mrs A Keight S-10-8 Eine Broneon 4 13 10-0 PRICELESS FANTASY 19 (F,G,S) Pat Mitchell 5-10-8 Lucy Glayzer (7) 17 14 100- BLAKE'S TREASURE 21J (V,D,F) T Thomson Jones 5-10-7 Sally-Anne BRot 14 15 000- NORTH-WEST ONE 76 H Collingradge 4-10-6 P Close (5) 10
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3-1 Count Me Out, 7-2 East Barre, 4-1 Great Impostor, 6-1 Beachwood Cottage, Predicatable, 8-1 Ballerina Bay, 10-1 others. **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

TRAINERS: T Barron, 47 winners from 184 numers, 25.5%; J Pearce, 7 from 31, 22.6%; W O'Gorman, 22 Iron 103, 21.4%; J Berry, 20 Iron 99, 20.2%; M Prescott, 12 from 64, 18.8%; M Bell, 7 from 38, 18.4%. JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 50 winners from 170 indes, 29.4%; T Wison, 3 from 12, 25.0%; N Day, 12 from 70, 17.1%; Emma O'Gormen, 18 from 109, 16.5%; G Carter, 27 from 170, 15.9%; G Duffield, 30 from 196, 15.3%.

Towcester Newton Abbot Going: soft

1.30 (2m hdle) 1. Metal Olseau (A Charlton, 5-2 tev); 2, Va Utru (11-4); 3, Stane Street (14-1), 10 ran. & ½1. J Moore, Tota: £3.30; £1.80, £1.20, £2.40. DF: £4.50. C8:: £10.85. Winner bought in for 3,400gns. 3,400grs.
2.00 (2m 50yd ch) 1, Parson's Thorns (G Bradley, 11-8 fav; Mandarin's rap); 2, Trubien (9-4); 3. Goodshot Rich (33-1); 10 ran. Sh nd. 101. C Brooks. Tota: \$2.40; \$1.60, \$1.60, \$2.60, DF: \$2.80, CSF: \$4.81

2.30 (2m hole) 1, Letterfore (kir T Byrne, 7-1); 2, Hi Boots (7-1); 3, Dolly Outs (16-1), Hattleriey 9-4 fev. 13 ran. NR; King's Neal, Oh So Windy. 3J, 8J, Upson. Tots: 27, 10; 52.20, 53.80 52.90, DF; 520.90, CSF;

3.00 (3m 190yd ch) 1. Sit Of A Clown (M Lynch, 11-2). 2. Withy Bank (10-1); 3. Sheer Steel (53-1). Pin A tW (11-4 fay), 13 ran. NR: Tom Sir, Leaguene, Master Comedy 394, 241. Mrs / McIGe, Totac 54.40; 21.40, 23.10, 58.90. DF. £30.90. CSF. £56.34. Tricast: £1,501.62. CSF. 256 34. Tricast: C1,501.62
3.30 (2m 5f 25yd hdie) 1, Man Of Mystery (5 Earle, 10-1); 2. Glangriffin (16-1); 3. Castlebay Lad (33-1); 4. Emily's Star (11-2). Agrow Line 4-1 fav. 18 ran. NR: Fat Crossing, Golden Sonata. 1½i, nk, 6i, C Triettine. Tote: C11.60; 52.60, 55.00, 55.70, 52.00. DF: E350 (1st or 2nd with say other). CSF: £157.40. Tricast: £4,583.39

4.00 (2m Sf 110yd ch) 1, Teaplantar (Mr M Armytaga, 2-7 fav); 2, Ctecift Cut (20-1); 3, Ardesee (6-1), 9 ran. 20, dist. Mass C Saunders. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £3.20, £1.90 DF: £5.40. CSF: £9.28.

4.30 (2m 5i 28yd hdie) 1, Threeoutoffour (M Brannan, 4-1): 2, Hopeful Alda (M Lynch, 33-1), 3, Fighting Words (5-2 lay), 12 ran, NR. Simpson, Kannbaniya, 10I, ni. O Brannan, Tote: E4.50; £2.60, £3.90, £2.00, DF: £37.90, C3P: £114.34, Tricast: e378.69 Placepot: £237.40

Going: heavy
1.40 (2m 150yd hdie) 1, Top Javain (Mr R
Darke, 4-1 jr-lav); 2, One To Note (7-1); 3,
Jegged Edge (7-1), Goiden Standard 4-1
jr-lav, 15 ran. 71, 121, D Barons. Tole:
55.50; \$1.70, \$3.10, \$1.90, DF: \$28.10.
CSF: \$22.52, Tricset; \$182.31. CSF: £22.52. Tricest: £182.91.
2.10 (3m 2f 100yd ch) 1, Run For Free (P Scudemore, 2-5 favr. Private Handicapper's top rating); 2. Meat The Foulkes (14-1); 3. Skelcher (5-1), 10 ran, 301, dss.; M Pipe. Tota: £1.50; £1.20, £1.70, £1.30. DF: £5.30. CSF: £8.37.
2.40 (2m 150yd ch) 1, Wide Boy (Peter Hobbs, 100-30); 2. Evening Rain (5-1); 3. Dr Rocket (6-1). And Matter 5-2 fav 6 ran. 101, 2. P Hobbs. Tota: £3.30; £2.00, £2.20. DF: £8.80 CSF: £17.25.

100, 21. P Höbbs. Tote: £3.30, £2.00, £2.20. DF: £8.80 CSF: £17.25. 3.10 (2m 160yd hdia) 1, Siavi (P Scudamore, 11-8 lavi); 2, Fearsome (9-2); 3, Wespon Exhibition (7-2), 9 ran, NR: Conurer, Keep in Tran. 10, 101, M Pipe. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £1.30, £1.70 DF: £4.80 CSF: £7.75. Winner bought-in for 4,800gns. 3.40 (2m 5f ch) 1, Connate (Mr.) Farriting. 7-2), 2, The Jopper (20-1); 3, Smokin' Ama (5-4 fav), 14 ran. 8, 6, R Barber. Tote: £4.00; £1.50, £4.80, £1.20. DF: £71.00 CSF: £83.35. 4.10 (3m 21 100yd ch) 1, Ask Frank (R Guest; evena fav); 2, Mander's Way (4-1); 3, Mr Gee (16-1), 10 ran. Diet, £46, G Balding. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £1.50, £2.30. Duel toracesi: £2.20 CSF: £5.94, £4.40 (2m 5f 110yd hdia) 1, Nova Spiht (D Merecith, 16-1); 2, Plastic Spaceage (7-2); 3, Brytsy'r (9-4 fav). 14 ran. Hq. 20, M Saunders Tote: £25.00; £2.30, £2.30, £1.10 DF: £55.80. CSF: £72.82. Placepot: £6.40.

Lingfield Park Going: standard 1.50 (2m &t hote) 1. Crabby Bill (Dale McKeown, 4-11 fav); 2. Hawwar (14-1); 3. Blue Marble (14-1). 6 ran. 5l, 8l, Mass B Sanders Tote: £1.50; £1 10, £4.20. DF: £2.00 CSF £5.91

2.20 (2m 2f hdie) 1, Parbold Hill (Dale McKeown, 33-1), 2, Abigail's Dream (2-1 | May); 3, Glen Finnan (7-2) Se-Aq 2-1 | I-tav/, 7 an. 7, Bi. K. Burke. Tole: £17.40; £15.30, £1.90 DF (1st or 2nd with any other); £1.10, CSF, \$93.41.
2.50 (2m hdie) 1, Safety (A Webb, 11-4), 2, Storm Orphan (13-8 fav), 3, Yuvng (15-5), 4 nn. 3, 144.1, White, Tole: £3.60 DF: £3.70 CSF; £7.34. 53.70 CSF: 57.34.
3.20 (2m 41 hdis) 1, Jan-Rie (A Maguire, 11-4): 2, Cazaudehore (11-10 fav): 3, Radar Krught (B-1), 5 ran. 41, 71, F Murphy. Tote: 52.70, 52.20, 52.10 DF: 53.00, CSF: 26.57. After a stewards' enquery, result stood.
3.50 (2m hdis) 1. Take Two (A Maguire, 13-8); 2. Antico Nativo (B-11 fav), 3, Valued Friend (50-1), 5 ran. 1½1, 25, J While. Tote: 52.70; 51.20, 51.10. DF: 51.30, CSF: 53.18.
4.20 (1m 5f fat) 1. Re May Eng (6 Haguire, 14.20) (1m 5f fat) 1. Re May Eng (6 Haguire, 14.20) (1m 5f fat) 1. Re May Eng (6 Haguire, 14.20) (1m 5f fat) 1. Re May Eng (6 Haguire, 14.20) (1m 5f fat) 1. Re May Eng (6 Haguire, 15.20). 21:30. CSF: 23.18.
4.29 (Im 5f fat) 1. Be My Era (G Heaver, 4-5 fav); 2, Delightful Miss (12-1); 3, The Algine Amazon (7-4), 4 ran. MR: Hot Lass. 61, 12. A Denson. Tote: 92.10 DF: 924.40 CSF. 98 19.



Ginther's hopes dashed by a fall:

FROM DAVID POWELL IN MERIBEL

THE opening exchanges in women's Alpine skiing take place here today but, even before the first of five gold medals is contested, Vreni Schneider has shown how valuable a wise old head can be. Schneider's decision to skip the combined event for fear of crashing on the down-hill looked a shrewd one yesterday.

Schneider, the Swiss who along with Carole Merie, of France, is trying to stem the tide of youth at these Games, chose to preserve her health for the defence of her slaiom and giant slalom titles. And, in final practice yesterday for the combined, the risks she had chosen to avoid were as evident as the mountain

No fewer than five skiers fell on the Le Devers section. of the combined downhill course, a shortened version of the downhill piste proper.
One, Sabine Ginther, the

title favourite from Austria, suffered a back injury which put her out for the rest of the season. Gone were Ginther's hopes of a double in the combined and the downhill.

The combined competition, comprising downhill today and slalom tomorrow. favours the downhillers because of the testing nature of today's section. For this reason, Ginther, aged 22 and winner of the most recent World Cup downhill, in Grindelwald, had looked a strong candidate whereas Schneider had felt that, however well she may have skied the downhill, she would still have had too much to make up in the

Now Ginther is out the advantage passes to Ger-many. In Katja Seizinger and Miriam Vogt, Germany has two downhillers in form while the Swiss, their cowbells quiet after neither Franz Heinzer (downhill) nor Paul Accola (combined) brought expected men's golds, hope Chantal Bournissen will cheer them. But, though Bournissen is combined world champion, this is not her kind of

Nor will it be in the downhill proper on Saturday. The women have long been arguing for more demanding tests of downhill prowess and now

RESULTS

Men's Combined (val 1 serie)
FINAL RESULT: 1, J Polig (tt), 14.550ta (downhill: 1-45.78, station: 1 min 42.16ecd; 2. G Martin (tt), 14.90 (1.45.48; 1.42.78; 3, \$ Locher (\$witz), 18.16 (1.46.53; 1.41.44), 4 J-C Cretier (Fr), 18.37 (1.46.53; 1.41.44), 4 J-C Cretier (Fr), 18.37 (1.46.53; 1.42.99; 5, M Weamaier (Gar), 32.77 (1-45.91; 1-45.15); 6, K Ghodina (tt), 39.96 (1-46.55; 1-44.91; 7, O-C Furuseth (Nor), 40.47 (1.48.94, 1-41.04); 8, X Grgandel (Switz), 41.21 (1.45.61; 1.47.92), 1.47.22; 1.47.22; 10, L Amesen (Nor), 51.93 (1-46.81; 1.46.92); 11, J-E Thorsen (Nor), 52.75 (1.44.97; 1.50.39); 12, Pi Crossan (Can), 57.27 (1.48.35; 1.45.12; 1.45.12; 1.3, J Kostr (Slovens), 59.78 (1-49.90; 1.47.47; 1.47.58); 15, K Kümma (Japan), 54.14 (1.50.98; 1.41.55), British placings: 5, M Bel, 121.83 (1-47.48; 1.58.10); 27, Gell, 134.03 (1-48.09; 1-59.18); 28, S Langmutr, 142.32 (1.54.61; 1-48.85). Bigthlon

Women's 7,5km (Les Saisles)

Ice Hockey

Women's 7.5km (Les Sausies)
FINAL POSITIONS: 1, A Restzova (UT),
24min 22.02sec; 2, A Missersky (Gen),
24.45 1, 3. E Belova (UT), 24.50.8: 4, N
Alevowa (But), 24.55 B, 5, J Adamockava
(Cxt), 24.57 6: 6, P Schsaf (Gen), 25.10 4;
7, A Brand (Fr), 25.28 B, 8, S Begowe
(But), 25.33 5: 9, D Burlet (Fr), 25.50.5, 10,
1 Kesper (Gen), 25.57 2; 11, U Draf (Gen),
25.50 9; 12, M Bedard (Can), 26.04 6; 13,
5 Pecherskels (UT), 26.09 7; 14, M Stardg
(Swe), 26.15 0; 15, E Kristiansen (Nor),
28.23 3

POOL A: Finland 9, Poland 1, United States 2, Germany 0

Women's singles (La Plagne)
LEADING POSITIONS (after two of four runs). 1, D. Neuner (Austria), 1mm 33 354-sec; 2, A. Neuner (Austria), 133 529, 3, A. Tagwerter (Austria), 1,33 781, 4, S. Erdmann (Ger.), 1,33 886; 5, G. Messensteiner (R), 1,33 942, 6, C. Myler (US), 1,34 023; 7, E. Terwilegar (US), 1,34 024; 1,34 3448

Momen's singles (La Piagne)

Men's combined (Courchevel)

Men's combined (Courchevel)
SKI JUMP (after three nums). 1. K Other
(Austria), 225 (86.0m. 89 0m. 89 5m). 2.
R Maketa (Japan), 226 1 (85.0, 87.5,
89 5m), 3. F Guy Fr), 222.1 (87.5, 25.5,
85 5m² 4 K Subsenbacher (Austria),
221 6 (85.5, 87.0, 85.0m), 5. J Mandia,
1Fin), 215 7 (85.5, 85.5, 88.5m), 6. K
Ogwara (Japan), 215.3 (85.5, 85.7,
85.0m), 7. Sivener (Austria), 214.8 (81.5,
86.0, 88.0m), 8, H-P Pehli (Ger), 212.5
(84.5 84.5 & 40.0m), 9. F Lardborg (Ror),
211.9 (82.5, 85.0, 85.0m), 10. T Dufter
(Ger), 210.8 (83.0, 85.0, 86.5m).

MEDALS TABLE

PROGRAMME

08.30: Biathlon: men's 10km. 09.00: tuge: women's singles 10.00: Free-siyle sking mogus heats 11.15: Alpine sking: women's combined downhill. 13.30: Nordic combined-15km. 15.00: Speed skating: women's 1,500m. 12.15; 16.15 and 2015: ke hockey. Pool B Canada v Norwey; France v Switzerland. CIS v Canadhastinakin

09.00: Cross country: men's 10km.
09.00 and 13.00: Alpine skling: women's combined slatom. 10.30: Free-style skling: mogula finals. 12.00: Cross country women's 5km. 14.45: 3peed skaling: men's 5,000m. 18.30: Figure skaling. men's original. 12.15, 16.15 and 20.15: Ice hockey: Pool A Italy v Poland, United States v Finland; Germany v Sweden

Today

Tomorrow



longer than usual) with sudden drops and sharp turns; and there is no flat. "We have never seen anything like it," Paul Major, the chief United States coach, said.

Seizinger will start as favourite but the outcome could even go the way of the men's downhill. Patrick Ortlieb won on Sunday without ever having succeeded in a World Cup race and Vogt could do the same. Her form has been going uphill, reaching a peak second place in Grindelwald. She has also been well placed in all three training runs, one on the downhill course and two on the combined downhill course.

Locally, interest centres on Merle. The one prominent skier who, aged 28, is older than Schneider, Merle carries the burden of expectation that she will bring France its first Olympic women's Alpine gold medal for 24 years. Merle is the favourite for

the super giant slalom next Sunday. Last year she said goodbye to life as a single woman and to nagging injury; she married her physiotherapist. She has shown strongly in super giant sla-loms and giant slaloms this season, winning her last three races in the latter. But Schneider, aged 27, stands in her way in the giant slalom next Wednesday.

If Schneider wins she will

set herself up for the double for the second successive Olympics in the final event. the slalom, next Thursday. If she fails in both you will be able to get your Swiss cow-

Petra Kronberger has done nothing in training to suggest that she is out of the trough of form but one name to emerge as a potential menace is Svetlana Gladishewa, of



End of a dream: Ginther is comforted by a course worker after crashing out of the women's combined

Three cheers for our unsung heroes

to my mind. Worthy mem-

bers of the British team were

receiving proportionately lit-

tle or no acclaim, even in

Britain. Dixon. a sergeant in

the 35th Engineers Regi-

ment, had a perfect shot in

the 10km, and only missed

two targets in the 20km

event. Marginally better ski-

ing would have won him a

medal. In the 1990 world

championships he was

twelfth, again with a perfect

shot, and twelfth again in

Les Saisies: Michael Dixon doesn't matter. Won't win a medal. Only in the best dozen biathlon Nordic competitors in the world. So wrote. in effect, one of our more fashionable commentators recently, disparagingly dismissing the Winter Olympic Games on the grounds that they are basically for other people and of little interest to a British audience. I find this worrying. First-

ly, it is a self-defensive insularity, subconsciously acknowledging that Britain itself does not matter, is no longer a serious world power. That does not absolve us, of course, from being part of the world community.

Secondly, and more specifically, the view is so totally contrary to the spirit of the Olympic Games and of taking part. There are no winners without losers. When we occasionally beat people in the summer Games, the medals only have value on those we have defeated.

One of my boyhood heroes was the failed Robert Falcon Scott, from the epic South Pole excursion. One of those who unavailingly attempted to teach me languages was Wilfred Noyce, a hero of the first Everest ascent. There is something different about some of the Winter Olympic events, their association with danger and discomfort in conjunction with endurance, as opposed to those more socially agreeable stresses of

the summer Games. To be blase about the winter Games is to show a lack of understanding. It was in sympathy with Dixon, thirteenth in the 20 kilometre biathlon, in Calgary in 1988, and with Martin Bell. eighth that time in the downhill, that I was so irritated by the publicity that surrounded a self-centred, incompetent ski-jumper, who skied rather than jumped off the platform and made himself and Britain a target of ridicule, albeit friendly.

last year's pre-Olympic tournament here. Today, he competes in the 10km race, his lesser event. This time, I have a lot more experience under my belt than in Calgary," Dixon said yesterday before his final training spell. "Unfortu-nately my training has been interrupted by injuries, but that's in the past. Now I have to try to relax, though the event tomorrow is for me a That is not the Olympics bit of a sprint."

Endurance in Nordic skiing is without parallel in any sport, as scientifically proved. Nordic skiers have the greatest lung capacity of any athlete.

Those against whom Dixon competes, Swedes, Russians and the rest, have mostly been skiing since they were little boys. He began in 1982, when he was 19, and only converted to biathlon six years ago.

Since Calgary, he has spent time in Sweden having his rifle barrel pared down to eliminate weight. The disadvantage in that, when the pulse is racing and chest heaving from skiing up and down hill, is that a lighter rifle is more liable to wobble. "I feel by now I have adjusted to the change in weight."

Dixon said. His preparation has been able to be extensive enough to give him a real chance of finishing in the top six on account of continuing sponsorship from Montague, the merchant bankers, who have

already decided to increase their backing, from £30,000 to £40,000 a year. With Sports Council support of £80,000. Dixon and others are able to undergo glacier training in the summer in Austria and to spend extra months abroad during the winter. Sealink and Scandinavian Seaways provide sponsorship in kind, as do Land Rover.

John Leaning, who competed in Nordic events in the 1968 Games, returned in 1984 at Sarajevo as manager of the women's team, and in Calgary as assistant chef de mission at the Nordic venue. He is now Nordic director of the British Ski Federation.

He said yesterday: "What Michael did in Calgary was amazing in only his second year. Although he has had irritating injuries, I think psychologically he is in a good frame of mind, and if conditions are right we are hoping he can improve on what he did last time."

Holder's slip lets in Italians for a double

Val d'Isere: Two unheralded Italians, Josef Polig and Gianfranco Martin, scored a surprise one-two triumph in a hazardous combined event resterday when the holder. Hubert Strolz, skidded out on the brink of an unprecedented repeat Olympic win.

The Austrian looked set to become the first racer to retain an Olympic Alpine skiing title but his nerves got the better of him and he faltered a few gates before the finish of the second leg of the slalom.

The race had also taken its toll on the favourites, with Marc Girardelli and Guenther Mader falling in Monday's downhill and Paul Accola going out of contention when he skidded off and lost a vast amount of time in yesterday morning's first sla-

lom leg.
"I just have weak nerves. I thought I was behind at the top and just made mistakes because I thought I had to attack." Strolz said after leading the combined into the final leg. "I leaned inside and just put too much pressure on

my skis." Polig, whose previous best result was fifth in a combined in Kitzbuehel last month proved the best survivor in two contrasting runs — the first on an icy and bumpy 56gate track and the second through \$5 gates beneath a heavy snowfall.

Steve Locher took the bronze ahead of the Frenchman, Jean-Luc Cretier, to give Switzerland their first medal on the Bellevarde slope after their dismal showing in Sunday's downhill. Strolz suffered the fate which befell Pirmin Zurbriggen in the combined at the 1988 Calgary Olympics.

"I won in Calgary because Zurbriggen had the bad luck. It's hard but I know you have to have luck to win. It's very difficult to be in the lead in such a race," Strolz said after Polig had commiserated with him. "I can't believe what happened. I had no hopes and thoughts of doing so well here. It's an incredible victory for me. It's just a great day."

the Italian said. Martin, second in the combined downhill, came desperately close to snatching the gold from Polig, finishing a mere 0.06 of a second outside the time needed to win.

O'Reilly is calmly waiting for his Games to begin

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN ALBERTVILLE

SO FAR so good, so far as Britain's best hope of an Olympic medal is concerned. Archie Marchall, manager of the short-track team, reports that his skaters have settled comfortably in their hotel at Brides-les-Bains, perched on the side of a heavily wooded mountain.

None seems more comfortable than Wilf O'Reilly, holder of the world championship. Asked by Christopher Dean, wearing his television commentator's hat, if he were now anxious to go into action, O'Reilly replied with a mischievous smile: "This is the best part."He liked to see the others fret and sweat from the waiting and the hanging about, and perhaps crack under the pressure. He seems

pressure-proof. The team generally are not content to follow in the footsteps of Torvill and Dean, Cousins, Curry and others. They want to come back with a few medals, not just one," Marchall said. "We're

hoping the bob boys will give

us a lift before our first race next Tuesday. That can affect blade is little more than a everybody in the British millimetre wide with a flat camp. We've seen nothing to frighten us here, but the can withstand the punish-South Koreans haven't arrived yet and they're bound to

be strong."
The British speed skaters have declined to practise in the mornings at Chambery, partly because they do not relish spending another two or three hours a day in a bus, and partly because the rink there is narrower than Olympic requirements, an important consideration for shorttrack skaters.

"Anyway, they don't need it," Marchall said. "We know from experience that once a day is enough. All the work has been done. It's now a matter of fine tuning. The Canadians went to Chambery this morning and three of

them fell this evening."
The Briesh team spend the equivalent time on exercise bikes, perhaps while watching television, and also devote loving attention to their siender-bladed skates with a vari-

ety of grinding stones. The millimetre wide with a flat surface. You wonder how it ment inflicted upon it. It is bowed slightly, with a radius appropriate to the skater's

Standing at one end of the rink, chin on the raised barrier, you are overwhelmed by the training speciacle. Last night it was the turn of the Japanese to come hurding towards us in single file like sinister marauders from outer space. Men and women mix, crash-helmeted and bent horizontal at the waist. When it seemed too late, they would swing to the left and present the same intimidating spectacle to those at the

other end.... In the individual 1,000 metres, heats and quarter-finals are held on Monday, two to qualify, and the semi-finals and final two days later. In the meantime, we must hope "the bob boys" will have provided suitable motivation from La Plagne.

SWIMMING

Strong candidates ignored despite impressive form

By CRAIG LORD

THE roll call for the British Olympic training camp at Florida next month again highlights the failure of the selectors to keep pace with the progress of competitors. What is more, it has attracted criticism from the country's leading woman contestant.

Karen Pickering, who declined selection for the camp at Fort Lauderdale from March 10-21, has described the trip as "pointless, a complete waste of money and an excuse to get away to the sun." She insists she is better off at home.

While Pickering's unavailability was to be expected, it is the selection criteria, which was set a year ago and favours historic performance over current form, that most mars what should have been an opportunity for the Great Britain Amateur Swimming Federation to encourage those who have proved them-selves to be committed to

achieving Olympic success.
Instead, selectors have ignored performances from the entire World Cup series and have given preference to those who competed at last August's European champion-

ships over those who became the national champions at Barnet in mid-December.

While Samantha Purvis and Mike Hooper are among those who suffer from this policy, two of the most notable omissions are Mark Foster and Lyndsey Rogers.

Last month Foster, of Barnet Copthall, clocked 24.10sec to rank third in the world at 50m butterfly and set a British record of 22.22sec to rank in the top five at 50 metres freestyle.

Rogers, aged 14, of Bristol Central, who has consistently challenged Coombes for the No. 1 spot in breaststroke races, is also desperately unlucky to be staying

SQUASH RACKETS

Jahangir back in the groove Kuwait: Jahangir Khan, of

Pakistan, returning to competition after a three-month enforced break, yesterday won the Kuwait Liberation Cup by defeating Chris Ditt-mar, of Australia, 9-1, 9-10, 2-9, 9-4, 9-3 in 93 minutes (Colin McQuillan writes). Mounted to celebrate the first anniversary of liberation from Iraqi occupation, the \$50,000 invitation event, attracted-leading players from 17 of the nations involved in the Gulf war and will convert world tour open tournament. After a slow start, Ditmar, who defeated Jahangir in their last two meetings, appeared to be heading for victory, leading 2-1 and 4-1 in

the ball," he said. A series of eight unforced errors reinforced his point and handed the initiative to Jahangir, back as world No. 1. I just went a little defensive and hit a little deep-er until I could feel Chris tiring," Jahangir said.

the fourth game. "But I never

felt confident of wirming. It

was just a contest of bashing

RUGBY LEAGUE Britain

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new caps in the Great Britain side to play France in the British Coal international at Perpignan on Sunday. They are the wings, John Devereux, of Widnes, and John Bentley, of Leeds, and the St Helens stand-off half, Jonathan Griffiths (Keith Macklin writes). There will be a fourth nev

cap if the Wales forward, Mark Jones, of Hull, takes the field from the substitutes Deryck Fox, the experi-

enced Featherstone Rovers scrum half, has withdrawr from the squad through injury and his place among the reserves to travel is taken by Alan Hunte, the St Helens

tained by Jonathan Davies, contains no Wigan players GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD: A Talk

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YACHTING

New stern for Italians

FROM BOB ROSS IN SAN DIEGO

THE Italian yacht, Il Moro di Venezia, will have a new stern for round robin two of the America's Cup challenger eliminations which begin off San Diego on Saturday. Il Moro di Venezia, whose

design lineage has set the theme for many of the other top America's Cup challengers, has an idea borrowed from the New Zealanders: the stern and after end of the cocknit have been cut away in a step, "just to save a few kilos in cutting away material," said the Il Moro spokesman. Stefano Roberti.

Roberti said more area had The yacht is the fifth the Italian syndicate has built and is essentially a refine-

ment of Il Moro di Venezia

Since then the Italian team has carefully refined the boat three theme through boat four and the (current) boat five and other syndicates notably the French, Japanese and latest boat in the America3 - have gone the same way: "Heavy and long with maximum sail area," says

 In race four of round robin two of the defender trials off San Diego yesterday, Stars & Stripes (Dennis Conner) was to meet America3 (Bill Koch). Overall points after 12 races and before today's race were: America³, 10; Stars 8 Stripes, 3; Defiant, 2.

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7.30 unless stated B international . . . Republic of Ireland v Denmark... (at Tolka Park)

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Stoke v West Bromwich.... Fourth division B and Q.Scottish League

First division Meadowbank v Morton Second division Cowdenbeath v Brechin. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bradford v Liverpool (7.0); Newcastle v Sheffield Utd (7.0); Rotherham v Coventry (7.0); Sheffield Wed v Sunderland (7.0). Postponed: Nottin Forest y Barnsley. Second division: Burnley v Derby (7.15); Gransby v Mansheld. (7.0); Middlesbrough v Port Vale (7.0); Preston v Notte County (7.0); Wolverhampton v Oidham (7.0); York v Hall (7.0). Prestonded burdlerfield v Wolverhampton v Olchem (Hull (7.0). Postponed: Hu Blackmoni SECOPOL.

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DIADORA LEAGUE: Locate Trophy: Egham v Rulelip Menor, Hertford v Boretsm Wood.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: South Bank v Guestorough, League Cup: Peterles Newtown v Grefns. GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Chippenham y Paulton; Saltash v Weston-super-Mare NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Stocksbridge v Brigg.

RUGBY UNION Representative matches Bristol v Royal Navy (7.0)
Met Police v RAF (2.30)
Oxford Univ v The Army
Surrey v Kent (at Sunbury, 7.30) OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: National 'Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Kingston v Worthing (8.0). SNOOKER; Regal Weish Open (Newport LC).
TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tour-nament (Swindon).

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I WIMMING

Few could tame the brutality of the animal

s in boxing deci-A sions. Tyson's convic-tion for rape will leave plenty of room for argument whether or not justice was done. Which of us can know for certain about what exactly happened in that hotel room in Indianapolis? We, in Britain, know only too well about wrongful convictions.

If the decision is a blow for women, who for too long have been the victims of Tyson's brutishness, it is a bitter blow for boxing. If Tyson's appeal fails, the sport will be the poorer for his absence. He is one of the world's great heavyweights and is still regarded by many as the people's champion.

Tyson secured a place among the greats by becoming the youngest heavyweight champion when, at the age of 20, he knocked out Trevor Berbick in the second round in 1986 to win the World Boxing Council title. Eight months later, he had become the undisputed world champion.

Entering the ring with black trunks and shoes and without a robe or socks, Tyson caught the attention of the boxing world by knocking out his first 19 opponents. In all, he knocked out

37 of his 42 opponents. Had he been allowed to continue, he might have become the greatest and richest heavyweight of all time. He has so much ability that, even if he were to take up his career after an eight-year absence, he could still have the potential, at 33, to lay claim

He is only heavyweight of

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Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent,

looks at the career of Mike Tyson,

the former world heavyweight champion

who has been found guilty of rape

the heavyweight division

The fans wanted to see "the

baddest man on the planet".

As Or Bill Hoffman, a psy

chiatrist in Providence.

a winner. Tyson is more bla-tantly self-serving and ag-

because he's brutal and suc-

cessful with it. He's brugal in

and out of the ring. We fear

that naked aggression; that aggression and force. Tyson has that pure animal brutal-

ity in the ring:"
The trouble with Tyson

was that he never grew up in

the real world. He remained

a street kid who always gravi-

in from a itivenile centre and

taught him to box, and his

team - Jim Jacobs, Bill

Cayton, Kevin Rooney and

others — kept him on a tight

rein, all the time instilling the

philosophy of boxing success

in him and, from time to

time, baling him out of

But after Jacobs's death,

Tyson — the then undisputed

world champion — dismissed

Cayton and Rooney and

joined up with King, who knew little about the tech-

us D'Amato, the

famous manager-

rainer who took him

tated to the dark places.

"He has been fascinating

gressive than we are.

goes, so goes boxing."

including Evander Holy-

field, the world champion. are little more than seconddivision men. If Bob Arum — the arch

rival of Don King, Tyson's promoter - felt Tyson's departure meant absolutely nothing to boxing because "in some way it helps boxing by eliminating someone who is perceived to be a bad apple in the mix", Seth Abraham, Sports, saw it differently.

There would never be a single attraction like Tyson. who is a huge draw no matter the quality of the opponent.
"He is a legitimate cash register," Abraham said. Tyson earned \$75 million (about £42 million) in five years and was also a source of money

for his opponents. Arum said: "There's enough big fights: George Foreman-Holyfield [in a rematch] is big enough. There will be more big combinations in the years ahead."

But that is only the view of an interested party. Really, without Tyson, the life will go out of a division that has little talent beyond the first four. Tyson's departure would have "the most profound ef-

fect on the heavyweight championship, and that connects with the other divisions," Abraham said. "As nique of boxing and even less about disciplining men like Tyson. There was no one to talk to him about the philosophy of D'Amato.

He even lost the friendship of his confidant, Jose Torres, the former world light-heavyweight champion and also a D'Amato boy, who would sit at the ringside and shout out numbers of the D'Amato punch combinations. King took Tyson back to his roots. He found Christianity and Rhode Island, said: "Tyson is self-destruction.

Despite being surounded by a posse of trainers, subtrainers, minders and cuts men, Tyson never found the closeness of the old team and remained, in effect, his own manager, trainer and strategist. His corner was too afraid

to pull him up and he gradually forgot his boxing. He believed he only needed to look at his opponents to blow them away. His enemies have tended to rubbish him since his failure against James "Buster" Douglas but the bout must be seen as an aberration.

Jay Bright, a Tyson cornerman who took over after Tyson dismissed Rooney three years ago, probably had the right answer when he said the trouble with Tyson was he believed the things people wrote and said about him.

"Sometimes, your greatest strength can be your greatest weakness," Bright, when asked to explain that defeat, said. "Michael was sometimes deluded because he thought he could just go out there and use his power. The

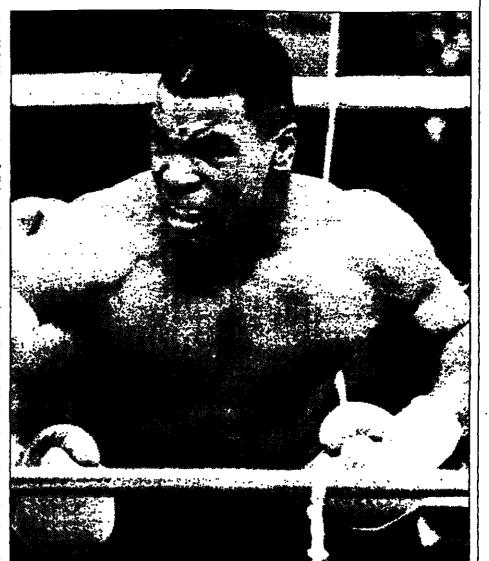
whole world made Michael into Godzilla. They thought all he had to do was look at an opponent and they'd be pulverised. No human being can live up to that image."

Tyson neglected the basics in training. "It's the small things, not the big things, that make the difference between an ordinary fighter and a great fighter," Bright said. "Why should you do the small things when you've been getting away with it for

erhaps that is also the explanation for his behaviour at the beauty show at Indianapolis, when he gave the contestants the "once over"; getting away with it for years. Perhaps, too, he thought he had only to look at them and they would jump into bed with him. He has to learn the basics of behaviour outside the ring.

The irony of his conviction is that Tyson admired the uncompromising brutality of Tony Ayala, a tearaway lightmiddleweight. "Tony Ayala, wow! He's ferocious." he once told a friend. Avala is now in Jersey State Prison doing 35 years for sexually assaulting a woman.

Having done six years, Ayala's observation on Tyson before the trial appears deeply relevant. "He needs to go into his history and find out how he relates to what is going on in the present," he said. "Like Mike Tyson, my problems didn't begin and end with the last incident. It was the culmination; a build-



Hate and aggression: Tyson moves forward with a fearsome grimace

RUGBY UNION

Italy hold off late revival

By CHRIS THAU

DESPITE being without two of their key players, Ivan Francescato and Massimo Bonomi, the half backs, Italy survived a spirited Spanish revival to win a thrilling encounter in the Fira champ-

Italy were outscored by four tries to three in their 22-21 the Continental competition, and could be grateful for the wayward goal-kicking of Miguel Sanchez, the Spanish stand-off half. He failed with all his conversion attempts bar one, and landed only one penalty out of five.

The kicking of his Italian Diego counterpart, Dominguez, was equally erratic, but the centre managed to drop a goal near the end of the first half, which had been dominated by Italy, to give his side a seemingly unassail-

able 18-point lead. In the second half, however, the concentration of the Italians slipped and the Spaniards scored two tries in succession through Altuna Azkargorta, early in the second half, and another two by

their inspired winger. Cecilia. Marcello Cuttitta, the Italian, said: "Basically we played very well in the first half; it was good-quality rug-by. After half-time the players started to play individually in the old Italian fashion. They seemed to think they could score by just running at the Spanish. Well, it was a rude awakening, and thankfully we won due to a late try by

Cuttitta himself scored a try immediately after the kickoff, which was followed by another, scored by Troiani, who was playing at stand-off

The Italians have left Madrid for Tarbes, in France. on Saturday. This explains why France have announced a different side for their game against England B from the team which played against Scotland B ten days ago. All those players have been promoted to the France A side.

The game in Tarbes is going to be a different story for the Italians, Cuttitta believes."In a way it was better for us to win by one point than by 40 points, as it looked at some stage. We played for only 40 minutes. If we want to win against France, and we certainly want to, we will have to do that for 80 minutes. We are capable of beating the French and we are confident," he said.

The Italian coach, Bertrand Fourcade, a Frenchman originally from Tarbes, is equally confident. "It was a good first half and also a good result. But then we started doing absurd things in the second half. "It's a long cry from the

good performance against Russia in November. Tarbes is my birthplace and we all want to do well. I believe that we can win," he said.

Albanians in a crisis

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Tirana: Albanian football is reported to be suffering a crisis with scores of players leaving the country, headed for Turkish, Greek and Romanian clubs, according to the national team coach, Bejkush Birce.

We are hardly able to play out the championships, Birce said. He said most first division teams were fielding sides consisting mostly of reserves. Birce has attributed communist economic crisis which has left the country strapped for cash and dependent on humanitarian aid to feed its three million people.

"This is a national haemorrhage which has affected football as well," Birce said. He said most Albanian clubs had lost players to clubs abroad, but the home clubs had received nothing from the transfers which had been organized either privately or through sports management entrepeneurs in foreign countries.

"Greek, Romanian and Turkish clubs have not yet paid us," the coach said. He made special reference to two players from the Tirana club. and Krenar Alimehmeti who are now playing for the Turkish side Turkins Adana. "We have appealed to Uefa.

European football's governing body, but have received no help until now," Birce said, adding that foreign clubs were also not abiding by the practice of allowing Albanian players to return home to play in the national side should they be selected. "They

(the foreign clubs) should be fined, but we are powerless to do anything about it," the

coach, aged 50, complained. Emin Barce, economic sec-retary of the Albanian Sports Committee, a government body which still controls sports clubs, said he was pessimistic about the chances of the situation improving this

A major problem is that clubs still at least officially ernment and have as yet received no powers of autonomy. Following the practice common in other former communist countries. players still officially "work" for either a government body or a state-run factory, but in reality are free to pursue their sporting careers.

The secretary of the Albanian Football Association, Fatmir Frasheri, has also esti-mated a loss of sponsorship revenue to the federation of around \$250,000 as a result of the cancelled European Championships qualifier with Spain last year. He said an approach had been made to Uefa about compensation for the cancellation but it had not replied to the request.

The Spanish national side opted not to play in the Albanian capital, citing political instability.

☐ The Portsmouth manager, Jim Smith, has taken two Polish internationals on a week's trial in a bid to boost his dub's faltering promotion challenge. The pair, both midfield players, are Michael Gebura, aged 27, from Lech Poznan, and Leszek Pisz, 25, of Legia Warsaw. The players are training at Fratton Park while Smith considers whether to make a bid.

Dutch football officials have settled their battle for the services of coach Johan Cruyff with Barcelona. The **Dutch Football Association** wanted Cruyff to guide their World Cup qualifying campaign from next year but Barcelona have won the right to

retain him an extra season. helm during the 1994 finals providing they qualify from the same group as England. Dick Advocast, the national team assistant will take over in the meantime from Rinus Michels after this summer's European Championship

☐ Brussels: The Nigerian international, John Esin Etim, tested positive for banned amphetamines after a Belgian first division match involving his club. Lierse, last November. Both samples revealed traces of amphetamines. Etim will probably be suspended. ☐ Amsterdam: The former

England manager, Bobby Robson, was taken to hospital yesterday with an intestinal

The PSV Eindhoven coach. aged 58, may have to undergo surgery, but is expected to resume his duties in three to four weeks. His assistant, the former Danish international, Frank Arnesen, will be in charge of the Dutch champions during Robson's absence. Robson will leave PSV in June when his two-year contract expires.

BOXING

Barrett to meet the third man

vadore Yanez, has been lined up instead to meet the If a deal with Yanez is reached, the British Boxing Board of Control will need to

approve the contest. Barrett was paired in a tenround meeting with Nkal-ankete after the WBO champion from Ohio, Manning Galloway, withdrew from his title defence with a wrist injury. But the French Federation have banned the former Euchampion, ropean Nkalenkete, from meeting Barrett because of his inac-

tivity for almost 21 months. The French authorities also vetoed Karim Rabbi and the EBU 11th-rated Faouzi Hattab, loser of one of 15 bouts. when they were sounded out

Dennie Mancini, the agent, also drew blanks in

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PAT Barrett, robbed of a WBO welterweight title challenge this week, met with more frustration yesterday. The substitute, Tek Nkalankete, has also been pulled out of tonight's bout at Wembley's Grand Hall so a

German-based Chilean, Sal-

as possible opponents.

Italy, Belgium, Holland and Spain in the effort to give Barrett a night's work after all his hard training before Yanez emerged. Yanez had three of his 23 contests (19 wins) in 1991, and in his last bout, lost to the useful IBF inter-continental champion, Angel Hernandez. ☐ The promoter, Mickey

Duff, yesterday promised Scotland another world title bout in the near future - if Gary Jacobs can dispose of Del Bryan next week. The Glaswegian, Jacobs, meets the holder, Bryan, for the British welterweight championship at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre on February 20.

Duff is so enthusiastic about the prospects for the Scot that he is already talking about a shot at the WBC title.Duff's last promotion in Scotland was Jim Watt's successful contest against How-

ard Davis at Ibrox 11 years ago. Since then, the boxing scene north of the border had been quiet until the emergence of Pat Clinton, who next month fights for the WBO flyweight crown. It's good to see a world

title fight in Scotland again." said Duff, "I promoted the last one with Jim Watt and I want to promote the next one with Gary Jacobs." Jacobs and Nottingham's

Bryan met four years ago this month - also in Glasgow when the Scot won. However. after claiming the Common-wealth and WBC International titles. Jacobs' fortunes have waned.

Duff said: "Gary can go on to considerably greater heights. I would like to see Gary fight American Maurice Blocker for the WBC welterweight crown, with Pat Barrett, winning the WBO

IN BRIEF

Runaway victory

Rolf Golz, of Germany, won the first stage of the Mediterranean Tour cycle race, the 154 kilometres from Perpignan to Béziers, yesterday. He finished an 22min 47sec ahead of Giovanni Fidanza,

Bout postponed

Bxoing: Donnie Hood's planned European bantamweight title bout has been delayed for a third time this year. Hood, aged 28, the WBC international champi on, from Glasgow, was twice scheduled to face the leading contender Johnny Bredahl. from Denmark for the vacant crown, but the Scandinavian has had sponsorship problems and the meeting will have to wait for at least another month.

Rankings upset

Tennis: Lizzie Jelfs and Jane Wood upset the rankings to move into the quarter-finals of the LTA women's satellite at Swindon yesterday. Jelfs, a 15-year-old qualifier from Banbury, knocked out Loredana Bujor, from Roamnia, 6-4, 6-1, while Wood, aged 23, from Enfield, ousted the No. 7 seed. Amy Van Buuren, of The Netherlands, 6-4, 6-2.

High hopes

Racing: Flight Lieutenant. Philip Mitchell's American triple crown entry, should open his account, under Bruce Raymond, in the £5,000 Prix du Logis du Pin over a mile at Cagnes-sur-Mer in the south of France

TENNIS

Edberg struggles for first-round victory

Brussels: Stefan Edberg, who aims to regain the world No. 1 ranking from Jim Courier, had an unconvincing win over Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, in the first round of the Belgian indoor tournament vesterday.

The Swede, a wild card entry but the top seed, struggled with his volley strokes and returns of service before prevailing 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Edberg, who meets Jan Siemerink, of The Netherlands, in the second round, lost the No. 1 ranking to Courier, of the United States, last week. Courier, seeded second in the \$800,000 event, plays his first-round match against Fabrice Santoro, of France,

today.
ATP tour officials said Edberg needed to reach the final if he was to stand a chance of reclaiming the No. 1 spot. If Edderg beat Courier in the final, the Swede would still not be sure of leapfrogging to the top. All would depend on bonus points accumulated in previ-

ous rounds. Edberg said it took him a got nothing to lose."

while yesterday to adjust to the surface. "I had a few problems to find the timing." he said. "But I thought Bruguera played quite well." Patrick McEnroe, of the

United States, relied on his superior service to beat last year's runner-up, Andrei Cherkasov, of the CIS, 6-4, 7-6. McEnroe, who reached the semi-finals of last year's Australian Open, moved up a gear when trailing 4-1 in the first set, to win the next seven games. He then held on to win the tie-break, 7-4. Siemerink earned his meet-

ing with Edberg by beating Arnaud Boetsch, of France, Eduardo Masso, a Belgian qualifier, overwhelmed Thier ry Champion, of France, 6-2

6-1 to set up a second-round

tie with Karei Novacek, of Czechoslovakia. Novacek beat Masso 6-3 6-2 in last month's Davis Cup tie between Czechoslovakia and Belgium. "But I stand a better chance here," Masso said. "I've already played four matches on this surface. I've

FOR THE RECORD. FOOTBALL CRICKET

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: UAU 1 BPSA 1 (at Great Barr, Birmingham). OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNA-MENT: South American group B: Uru guny 2, Argentina 1: Late results on Mondey

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NevILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION:
Crystal Palace 1, Tottenham Hotspur 0.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First
division: Aston Vita 0, Blackburn Rovers
0; Barnsley 1, Manchester City 1; West
Bromwich 2, Bolton Wanderers 2. Second
division: Wigen Athletic 0, Leicester City
2. BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Micland division: Hednesford Town 3, Leacester United 3.

United 3.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Mangotsfield United 2, Welton
Rovers 2.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Locitis Cup: Third
round: Carsthelton 2, Abingdon Town 1;
Dagenham 0, Yeading 2.
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LEAGUE: President's Cup: North
Shields 5, Spennymoor United 0,
HTS LOANS LEAGUE: First division:
Guiseley 3, Curzon Ashton 2.

ATHLETICS OSAKA, Japan: International Indoor meeting: Mer.: 80m hurdles: M McKoy (Can.), 7.47sec. 80m: F Fredericks (Namibra), 6.53. 400m: Y Saito (Japan), 48.14. 800m: L' Jin-B (S Kor), 1min 52.61sec. High jump: H Conway (US) and J Sotomayor (Cuba), 2.31m. Triple jump: N Yamashita, 18.70m. Pole wauft: S Bubka (CIS), 5.90m. Women: 60m: G Torrence (US), 7.17sec. 400m: M Yaquin (China), 55.13sec. 800m: C Grooks (Can.), 2.11.74. Long-jump: H Drechster (Ger.), 6.77m. High jump: H Henkel (Ger.), 2.03m.

YACHTING AUCKLAND: First international blind regatts: 81: 1, New Zeeland, 3pts; equal 2, Great Britain and Queensland, 12: 4, Massachiusetts; 14: 5, Sweden, 20: 82: 1, New Zeeland, 44: 2, Texas; 12%; equal 3, Great Britain and New South Wales. 14: 5. Western Australia, 16: 83: 1, Great Britain, 3: 2, Western Australia, 8: 3, New Zeeland, 17: equal 4, Victoria and Massachusetts, 18.

RED STRIPE CUP (final day): Bridge-town: Leeward Islands 246 and 175: Barbados 315 (D L Haynas 135, R I C Holder 72, P & Wallace 55) and 110-7 (V Walsh 3-52). Barbados won by 3 wickets. Castries: Windward Islands 106 and 207 Castries: Windward Islands 106 and 207 (L.John 63: L.Joseph 4-52); Guyana 354 (C B Lambert 125, R A Harper 74), Guyana won by an brings and 41 runs. Port of Spain (third day of four): Jamaica 324 (J C Adams 99, R G Samuelo 94; R Dhanra) 4-92); Trinidad and Tobego 186 (P Simmons 57; C A Walsh 6-62). ZIMBABWE: Tour match (first day of three): Manicaland 220 (J Brent 52. G Wightem 4-36, D Graveney 4-39): Durham 20.1

CYCLING MEDITERFANEAN TOUR: First stage (Perpignan to Beziers. 154 km). 1, R Golz (Ger). 4hr 4min 4eec, 2, G Fidenza (III). 22min 47sec behind: 3, J Nigdam (Neth). 22.50. 4, V Brament (Bei): 22.51. 5. M Argentin (III), same time; 5. W Veenstra (Neth): 7, L Brochard (Fr): 8, K Weitz (Den): 9, F Boucarville (Fr): 10, S Zanalta (III) all same time.

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SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1 Woosnam (GB), 18.87: 2. N Faido (GB), 15.96: 3. J M Olazabai (Sp), 15.32: 4. S Ballesteros (Sp), 14.42: 5. B Langer (Ger), 13.31: 5. F Couples (US), 13.96: 7 G Norman (Aus), 12.58: 8. P Sewart (US), 1.38: 9. P Azinger (US), 10.82: 10. M McNutty (Zm), 9.40. RACKETS MANCHESTER: Henderson National League: Manchester bl Winchester. 2-0 (Menchester names first): J Schofield and W Rowsell bt D Sheddon and 8 Birch. 15-12, 15-0, -15-17, 15-5, 15-17, 18-16 P Shaw-Hamilton and B Hegarty bt D Panton and D Baldwin, 15-8, 15-12, 15-0, 15-8

RUGBY LEAGUE SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Second round: Barrow 13. Bredford 30. ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal

SNOOKER NEWPORT: Regal Welsh Open: Sbxth round: D Morgan (Wales) bi C Wilson (Wales), 5-1. Frame scores (Morgan first) 77-58, 84-59, 5-122, 65-25, 79-30, 53-31; W Thoms (Eng) bi D Taylor (N Ire) 5-2. Frame scores (Thome first) 41-42, 95-21, 58-50, 63-19, 66-36, 30-71, 70-9

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VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Men: Fourth round: Topspin Derlington 0, Biley 3; Metchpoint Bramhall 3, Wrexham 0, David Lloyd Stazenger Heston 3, Carifon London 0; Centrecourt Cardinels Basingstoke 2, Europa South-Hallamshire Sheffleid 2, Ternis World Middlesbrough 1, Connaught Club Leviton 2, Welfilm Sur 0, Watten Indoor

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ATP MONEY WINNERS: 1, J Courier (U.S.), \$29,610, 2, S Edberg (Swe), \$141,735, 3, M Stich (Ger), \$122,365, 4, P Sampras (U.S.), \$80,250, 5, B Bocker (Ger), \$89,570, 6, I Lendi (Cz.), \$86,835, 7, G Forget (Fr), \$82,798, 8, E Sanchez (Sp.), \$78,425, 9, P Kords (Cz.), \$86,830, 10, G hransever (Crostel), \$47,490 WTA Rankings; 1, M Seles (Yug), 2, S Grad (Ger), 3, G Sabathri (Arg.; 4, M Narvallova (US), 5, A Sanchez-Vicarro (Sp.), 6, J Capriell (US); 7, M J Ferriandez (US), 8, M Maleseva-Fragniere (Switz); 9, C Marringz (Sp.), 10, J Novotna (Cz).

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Athletes' doping controversy continues

Official calls for Krabbe to miss Olympic Games

A GERMAN sports official has entered the controversy surrounding the alleged dope-testing irregularities by Katrin Krabbe and two other leading German athletes. Evers, doping official for the German sports federation (DSB), said in Cologne yesterday they should not be selected for the Barcelona Olympics.

Evers suggested in a radio interview that Krabbe, the 100 and 200 metres world champion, Grit Breuer and Silke Möller could be dropped from the team rather than banned from competing. Asked if he was calling for the three not to be nominated for the Olympics, he replied: "It's a question of nomination, that's right. One must differentiate between banning and ... not

nominating."

Evers said he believed the urine samples provided by the three at a meeting in South Africa had been tampered with. But he said it was un-clear how the DSB would deal with the matter.

Krabbe, Breuer and Möller were suspended on Friday after doping expens in South Africa said the samples were suspicious. The ban was later lifted and the three ran in the German championships at

prospects improved yesterday

when their El million debt

was reduced by a third after

the directors agreed to waive

all financial claims against

Steve Birley, the club secre-

tary, said: "This is a magnifi-

cent gesture. We are not out

of the woods yet, but we now

have a real lighting chance."

Aldershot were widely ex-

pected to go out of business

after last night's fourth divi-

sion match at home to Gil-

lingham, but there is now real

hope that the club offers a

sufficiently attractive proposi-

eration (DLV) ordered an investigation after a second specialist. Dr Manfred Donike, said all three samples had been provided by the

Krabbe, though, has been left out of the German team to take part in the European indoor championships in Genoa between February 28 and March 1. Breuer, however, was named for the 200

Krabbe has insisted she is innocent. She told the newspaper, Bild: "I didn't take anything. I did not tamper with anything. I am innocent and am not going to let my-self be punished for some-

thing I did not do."

Asked who might have an interest in altering the results of her tests, she said: "The number of people in the west who feel envy is very large. Because of the past, we East Germans are going to have to live with these suspicions until the end of our careers."

In the interview, released ahead of publication today. she said she did not know whether there had been sabotage but believed anything was possible. "I will show them all." she said when asked about her career prospects. "I will be even faster than last year.

Meanwhile, in Osaka, Japan, the world champions,

Directors aid Aldershot

Birley said: "This move is

seen as an opening of the

door to anybody who wishes

to put money into the com-

do not want to be obstructive

to new investors and will

stand down from the board."

Steve Banks, a director of

Aldershot, said: "I have spo-

ken with and agreed with all

the present directors. It seems

the very least we can do and

while people can ill-afford to

important the club survives.

"While previous generosity

step in and rescue them.

Sergei Bubka and Heike Henkel, both fell short in attempts to break their own world indoor records at an international meeting held

yesterday.

Bubka, who set world records in Osaka in 1986, 1987 and 1989, went into the pole vault competition confident of a new best of 6.13 metres, one centimetre higher than his record set in Gre-noble, France, last year.

Bubka easily cleared both 5.70 metres and then 5.90 with his first attempts. He then raised the bar to 6.13 but failed to get over, despite noisy support from the crowd. Henkel, who set her wom-

en's high jump record of 2.07 metres in Karlsruhe, Germany, on Saturday, beat her rival, Stefka Kostadinova, of Bulgaria, with the bar at 2.03 metres. The German, aged 27, then tried but failed to clear 2.08. Frankie Fredericks, the 200 metres silver medal winner at last year's world championships in Tokyo, upset the 100 metres bronze medal winner, Dennis Mitchell, to win the 60 metres

His time of 6.53sec, a personal best, was 0.08sec outside the indoor world record set by Andre Cason in Ghent, Belgium, last month.

and help must not be ignored

by the club, I would call for

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tinue. Aldershot has immense

possibilites of which new investors will be made aware."

Stoy and Hayward, the

dub's proposed administra-

tors, last week told the 65-

year-old club that it was

insolvent and trading illegal-

ly. The players have not been

paid for more than six weeks

a repeat of the scenario two

years ago when they went ten

weeks without salary cheques

- and the club's bank ac-

counts have been frozen by

£25,000 to pay the players," Birley said. Once their wages

have been met, Aldershot will

then have to find £150,000

owed to the Inland Revenue.

It will have to be available by

March 18, when they face a

Doncaster Rovers, them-

selves deeply in debt, offered to help with Aldershot's travel

costs to the fourth division

match on Saturday. "They

intimated they would be will-

ing to help us get up there,"

Only two dubs have with-

drawn from the Football

League in mid-season. They

were Wigan Borough, which

sunk in October 1931 with

debts of £20,000, and Ac-

crington Stanley, which owed

The 18 senior Aldershot players have been training at

home since last week because

they cannot afford the petrol

to drive to the Recreation

Ground on a daily basis, and

most have visited their banks

and building societies in

order to arrange loans.

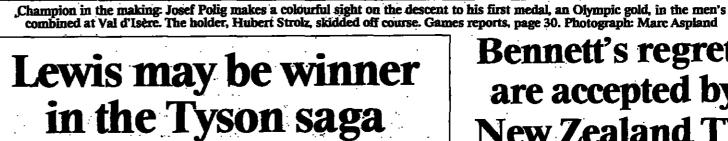
"We need a minimum of

the High Court.

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Birley said.

£62**.**000 in 1961.



By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

THE prospect of the world heavyweight boxing championship returning to Britain this year, after 93 years, looks distinctly brighter after Mike Tyson's

conviction for rape.
With Tyson effectively out of the world rankings, Lennox Lewis, the British and European champion, who is No. 3 in the ratings, hopes to challenge Evander Holyfield, the world champion, in late summer. Lewis's commercial manager. Roger Levitt, flew to New York on Monday for talks head of Time-Warner Sports, the parent company of HBO, the United States

biggest cable channel. Levitt said before leaving: "If Tyson is convicted, Lew is will have one major fight around June, against Foreman, Mercer, Holmes or Witherspoon, to encourage pay-per-view in America and then challenge Holyfield for the world title later this year. Lewis is keen to have a fight to leave the

American public with a good impression." Lewis was not impressive in outpointing Levi Billups earlier this month but he looked good against Tyrell Biggs. After seeing Holyfield in trouble against Bert Cooper on the same bill in Atlanta, he believes he can

pull it off. Levitt is also likely to have talks with Holfield's managers, Dan and Lou Duva. who are planning for their boxer to meet Riddick Bowe in April and Holmes or Foreman in May or June. Lou Duva said Holyfield would have no regrets if he never met Mike Tyson in the ring. Holyfield and Tyson were due to meet last November, but that bout was called off after Tyson

suffered a rib injury. The court verdict "just means that Mike Tyson's fans won't be able to see him fight for a while", said Duva, who spent much of last year fighting off a move by Don King, Tyson's manager, and the World Boxing Council (WBC) to strip Holyfield of the WBC crown for not defending against Tyson first, after lifting the title from James "Buster'

The WBC and the World Boxing Association (WBA) have not decided Tyson's position as the No. 1 challenger. The WBC has canvassed the views of its members but the vice-president, Eduardo Lamazon, said yesterday from Mexico City: "We have not taken any official position today." We are waiting to see what happens on March 6 in the appeal. After that the comittee will have to meet to

discuss the position." However, the WBA's legal adviser, James Binns, said that, most probably, Tyson would be removed from the ratings as soon as the executive committee meet. "It does not matter that he is appealing. It could go on for months. The judge could even revoke his bail and keep him in jail."

Regardless of what the world's boxing bodies de-cide, it is unlikely that Tyson will be able to box anywhere in the United States. The influential Nevada State Athletic Commision has already suspended his licence. If his appeals fails, the li-cence will be revoked. Lu-



Lewis: title hope

the commission, expects. other state organisations to do the same.

"At this point he would not be allowed to box." Mack said. "Even if he is successful in his appeal, the board would have to look very carefully at his applica-tion. According to our rules a boxer must not bring the the sport into disrepute. Las Vegas is the boxing capital of the world. We have to

clean up the sport." Mack said that while he had not talked to Randy Gordon, the chairman of Evson's home body, the New York State Athletic Commission, he believed that Gordon would also take the same view. Gordon was not available for comment yesterday.

King's position in the world heavyweight scene has been weakened. But the man, who had a controlling hand from when he first promoted George Foreman and Muhammad Ali in Zaire in 1974 to when Tyson lost his title two years ago, is far from finished. He has Donovan "Razor" Ruddock boxing for him and the Canadian, who gave Tyson so much trouble, must be favoured to best Holyfield when given the chance...

All the cards appear to be in the hands of King's rivals, the Duvas, at the moment, but the "only in America" man has taken the precaution of signing up as many leading heavyweights as possible, including Oliver McCall, Greg Page, Tony Tucker, Bert Cooper, James "Bonecrusher" Smith and Francesco Damiani. This could make it difficult for contenders for Holyfield's title to get meaningful matches and even for Frank Bruno to find suitable name opponents to help him move up the ratings.

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and those involved in the pro-

posed Headingley-Roundhay

merger, whose ambition is to

create a new Leeds club at a

Burgess conceded the

"probability" of putting a di-

visional match against the

South Africans into a football

stadium: "I'm concerned

about putting northern play-

ers in the shop window," he

purpose-built stadium.

Bennett's regrets are accepted by New Zealand TV

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

BOB Bennett, manager of England's cricket tour, last night defused one sensitive issue and prepared to confront another. He issued regrets to the television company whose cameraman was involved in the fracas after David Lawrence's injury on Monday, and did not dis-count taking disciplinary ac-tion against his own team

manager, Micky Stewart. The apology couched in general terms, was issued in a letter faxed to John Knowles. ad of snort at Television New Zealand. It referred to the widely-screened scenes in which Stewart abused a cameraman attempting to film close-ups of Lawrence, being stretchered off the Wellington

pitch in agony.

Bennett's letter, drafted only after a day of telephone calls with the television company executives, said: "The England party very much regrets the events surrounding David's injury which have caused offence."

It adds: "It is not my role to apportion blame but I am sure that in the cold light of day, many of those involved would have acted with much greater restraint. The situation was extremely

emotional." Bennett later confirmed that he had spoken individually to Stewart and to two players, Jack Russell and Ian

Botham. He was still considering whether any disciplinary action was necessary. Russell is Lawrence's clos-

est friend and he held his hand all the way off the ground. So incensed was he by the cameraman's attento stop him filming. Botham's involvement was purely

"We have contributed to some extent towards an unpleasant incident and for our part in it we are saying sorry. Bennett said later.

It was a fraught day for Bennett. On his first tour he has nandied a delicate lem capably, though with hindsight he would have been better advised to make his peace with the television station on Monday evening.

Their bulletins yesterday indicated they would pursue the matter, possibly legally, until they received an apology. When it finally arrived, after a lengthy facsimile breakdown here in Dunedin, Knowles issued his own statement accepting that the issue was closed.

There was no suggestion that Peter Burge, the match referee, intended to take the matter further.

Meanwhile, England had no selection problems for today's limited overs international at Carisbrook, only in . as much as they had only II fit men. From the 13 who travelled on from Wellington, DeFreitas and Fairbrother were both ruled out by niggling injuries.

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Gloucestershire's plans in disarray

BY MARTIN SEARBY

TONY Wright, the Gloucestershire captain, yesterday described the loss of David Lawrence for most of next season as "a nightmare", having laid plans for Lawrence and the West Indian, Courtney Walsh, to lead a revival in the county's cricket

"After all the years we have invested in David it is a major blow to know that, even by his optimistic expectations, he won't be available until mid-June," Wright said.

"He is is simply irreplaceable. We thought, with some confidence, that with a more mature Lawrence in partnership with Walsh we would have one of the best new-ball attacks in the country. No one can estimate the psychological damage that may have been done. I think it is fair to say the whole county is devastated by the news."

Gioucestershire have invested an immense amount of time and coaching in Lawrence, who in 1991 had his most effective season for the county and forced himself

☐ Philip Robinson, the former Yorkshire batsman, has been told he has a strong case against the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) for restraint of trade. Counsel's advice is that the board would have difficulty defending its system of listing players according to whether or not they have been offered contracts.

back into the England side.

But before applying to the High Court for a writ, Robinson's solicitor. John Mewies, is to ask the TCCB to review the situation which has the middle-order batsman as a list one player. "The object is to gain free-

dom for Phil Robinson, not to embarrass the TCCB." Mewies said. "We have given notice of appeal against their decision but if that fails, or is ignored, we will certainly go ahead with the writ. Leading counsel has told us we have a good case with which to challenge the system."

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Rugby tour plan for Old Trafford

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IF THE proposed four-match visit to England by South Africa's rugby union team next season reaches fruition, there is every prospect of one of their matches being played at a football stadium. The Northern Division, who have already investigated the possibility of playing the 1993 New Zealand touring side at Old Trafford, are considering Manchester United's ground as a possible venue next

The prospective fixtures for the South Africans, though they have yet to be confirmed. would give each division of England a game: London

on November 14 and the South-West the B international, leaving the North and the Midlands as the other

Each division would be able to capitalise on the surge of interest in the game after the World Cup. In the case of the North, whose top games have of late gone to Otley (capacity 6,800), a football stadium would enable them to accommodate a far larger crowd while emphasising the absence of a natural rugby centre for the region.

Several months ago the divisional committee approached Martin Edwards. Manchester United's chairman, to sound out the possi-

bility of playing the All Blacks at Old Trafford, and were encouraged by the response. At the same time a sub-committee has been appointed to investigate a potential centre of excellence for the division.

"At the moment we're not competing with rugby league on an equal footing." John Burgess, the North's chairman, said. They have the big grounds, particularly Wigan and Leeds. We need a successful divisional side and a ground as a focal point."

A planned tour to Namibia and Zimbabwe in August will help develop a competitive team, and a sub-committee has talked to the management of the Don Valley athletics stadium in Sheffield, as said. "We have lost players to clubs in the south, not only because they are looking for jobs, but because they want to play for England. They don't believe they will get recogni-

tion if they stay in the north." Life and Times, page 4 England must run, page 27



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Come, friendly bombs.

With the Marsham Street towers condemned to dust by Michael Heseltine last week, Marcus Binney fixes his sights on other architectural eyesores that deserve a similar fate

ith typical flamboyance, Michael Heseltine — having announced the demolition of the Department of the
Environment building — has invited us all to play the game of
"Come, friendly bombs..." —
redirecting John Betjeman's wrath
from Slough to the grotesque
concrete monsters in London that
most urgently deserve a dynamite
exit. I began my awful odyssey on
the Thames, approaching from
the west, and thus saving the best
(that is, the worst) for last.

First I would remove the brutal

First I would remove the brutal angular towers that loom over Worlds End in Chelsea. Then I would target the blocks that stand guard so uninspiringly at the north end of Vauxhall Bridge, followed by the whole row of faceless Sixties slabs opposite the Tate Gallery, pinpointing with special accuracy the hideous rediled Doulton House at the south end of Lambeth Bridge. It is possibly more clumsily joined to its neighbour than any building.

Next, I would flatten the outsize

modern block of St Thomas's Hospital by Westminster Bridge, which has as much character as a giant polystyrene packing case. This would allow us to reinstate the role of seven Victorian pavilions which originally stood there, as handsomely as a series of palaces on the Grand Canal.

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Time has not mellowed the clumsy silhouette of the Shell Centre, the architectural equivalent of a huge television in a reproveneer cabinet. It would crumple in my Brave New World, and be followed by the Hayward Gallery. The National Theatre can stay, but I would reserve a vast bag of flour to restore the pristine whiteness to its stained concrete walls.

I would be tempted to take a shot at the anaemic slab of the Howard Hotel. Opposite, the bloated block of Sea Containers House would certainly collapse into dust, even though the present river-front, complete with giant gold globes, is an improvement on the unfinished hotel carcass that stood here for many years.

t London Bridge; the Guy's Hospital tower would have to go. Across the river the giant cash register known as Mondial House would vanish in an instant. Sir Norman Foster's heliport, daringly cantilevered out over the Thames, would have disguised it, but was rejected by Heseltine.

Now I would be approaching a favourite target: the Tower Hotel at St Katharine's Dock. Here, the pleasure of destruction would be heightened by the thrilf of revenge. This biliously coloured shambles of a building would instantly become a pillar of smoke, expiating the needless destruction of the magnificent series of Georgian dock warehouses that Thomas Telford, the great engineer, built here in the 1820s.

Other targets are even more obvious. I would gratefully sign a death warrant on the towers around the royal parks, the milk-carton of the Knightsbridge Barracks, the matchbox of the Royal Lancaster, the cardboard soufle of the Home Office with its bulging top looming over St James's Park.

Baker Street I would transform with relish, levelling the series of

anodyne headquarters erected by the likes of Marks & Spencer and Abbey National. In Knightsbridge, Bowater House would be exterminated, and I would continue by rocketing the Danish Em-

bassy in Sloane Street.

Now to Hyde Park Corner, to rub out the Inter-Continental Hotel which destroys the scale of Piccadilly and Apsley House. I would circle over St James's and fly up Victoria Street, aiming missiles at the banal boxes of the Department of Trade and Industry and New Scotland Yard. Nor would I spare the piles of eggboxes on either side of Westminster Cathedral, which for a while were

an exciting novelty.

The great blocks looming over the south side of Cavendish Square — and thus dominating Oxford Circus — would go, as would the ugly slab behind the BBC which ruins the view of Nash's All Souls Church in Langham Place. I would press the firing button with special relish on the odious telephone exchange next to Bow Street police station.

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Why are buildings like this so detestable? Because, like the great slabs in Victoria Street, they were built on the assumption that all their older neighbours would come down. According to this brutal logic, there was no need to consider the context or attempt to harmonise with the character of the area. Once the blood is up, the

temptation is to condemn every

high-rise block in London. Whatever the intrinsic merits of a select view, they have done infinite damage to almost every area of the

As is often said, London is a collection of villages. It has retained that feeling—despite all the pressures brought about by modern traffic and development—because so many parts of London are inward-looking enclaves where the onlooker can easily be quite unconscious of the rest of the city. Just one tower block, looming above the (much more acceptable) horizon of shops and houses in the immediate vicinity, can destroy this sense of an oasis. And the particular tragedy of London is that so many towers stand as single entities: there is no single high-rise area, as in an American city's "downtown".

Moreover, compared with the typical American downtown cluster of skyscrapers, London's towers are a miserable collection, almost all flat-topped, flat-sided, without any attempt at dramatic massing or silhouette. Canary Wharf at least has the merit of a distinctive pyramid top. The mirror glass which makes skyscrapers in sunnier climes so sleek also loses its allure in the soft London light.

Do any of London's towers deserve a reprieve? The Economist block in St James's already has a Grade II listing, rating it outstanding. But while it is undoubtedly a very clever solution to a tight urban site, its elevations are singularly joyless. Centrepoint, now its original notoriety has receded, has a growing band of followers, not least because floodlighting makes it so effective at night. What is appealing and unusual is the way the architect has introduced movement, with gently curving sides, indented ends, and zig-zag mullions like basketweave.

he Millbank Tower with its concave façades has a jewel-like elegance in certain lights. Even the Hilton Hotel is beginning to have a nostalgic period feel, like the fins of a Fifties Chevrolet. But the best tower by far is Commercial Union in the City, the one building in London that approaches the soaring height and elegance of New York's Seagram.

York's Seagram.

Even before Heseltine condemned Marsham Street, tower housing blocks were being regularly blown up by local authorities. But in central London the likelihood is that, if condemned, the

towers would be sold to developers for conversion as private apartments. Few owners would accept the potential loss of floor space represented by lower buildings. The Marsham Street site is, at any rate, a relatively rare case in central London: it has enough open space around to make it

possible to house the same offices in conventional buildings along the street frontages.

The alternative is recladding — most obviously displayed on the shiny glass blocks beside Chiswick flyover. This kind of superficial glitz infuriates many architects and critics. But like the Observer building south of Chelsea Bridge it brightens up the City dramatically. More sophisticated recladding has transformed that Sixties slab: the Euston Tower. It now has the

ultra-cool, all white, high-tech look

of a luxury liner, with an elegant bowed front.

The need is to single out individual eyesores; this should be done in the new local plans which every London borough now has to draw up. It can be achieved without damaging the commercial life of London. Terry Farrell's Embankment Place, over Charing Cross station, has shown it is possible to build large buildings on sensitive

sites which positively enhance the skyline.

At present, the most protected view in London is that of the dome of St Paul's Cathedral from King Henry's Mount in Richmond Park. Yet on many days the dome is barely visible without a telescope. All credit to those who jealously guard it, but let us have a Bill protecting the other fine vistas in London, beginning with the river, the royal parks and Hampstead Heath. Michael Heseltine has demonstrated the political capital to be made from taking the axe to London's eyesores. Time to be brutal with the

Clockwise from the left the Department of Trade and Industry, the Intercontinental Hotel, the Royal Lancaster Hotel, the Home Office, the Knightsbridge Barracks and the Telephone Exchange, Bow Street

Lumme, was I really counting sprouts?

once heard a very scary story concerning a man who lived alone. I sometimes remember it late at night, and get so nervous that I chew the edge of the duvet. Invited to a friend's house for dinner, it seems, this man behaved in a perfectly normal, outgoing manner until the moment attention turned to the serving of Brussels sprouts — when he suddenly got strangely serious.

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"One, two, three," he said to himself, as he carefully ladled the steaming veggies onto his plate.

"Ha ha, oh yes. Four, five, six, seven." The hosts swapped glances, and shifted uncomfortably in their seats. "More sprouts, John?" asked the hostess, after a pause. At which their guest made a loud scoffing noise and stood up, violently pushing back his chair so that it rucked up the carpet. "Look," he said, "I've got seven sprouts. And forgive me for having two strong sturdy legs to stand on, but seven sprouts is the number of sprouts I always have."

No doubt there are many married people, too, who have strong feelings on the subject of sprouts. One recalls those famous cases of men murdering their wives (and getting off with a light fine and a reprimand) for serving up the incorrect number of roasties, or

putting the cruet on the wrong place-mat. But it is sitting alone in the evening, I am sure, that encourages crankiness: start out with a harmless little tendency towards obsessive-compulsive behaviour, and within a few months of single life you are not only talking to the characters in Brookside but also getting dogmatic about vegetable-consumption and forming advanced crackpot theories on the nature of evil. Since nobody contradicts you (and the goldfish doesn't care) you easily convince yourself that you

are "on the right lines". Take the chap I met recently in a Pasadena cake shop. He seemed normal enough: just a bit overkeen for a chat. But then he mentioned that during his solitary hours he had given a lot of thought to the identity of the Antichrist, and had finally settled conclusively on Richard Branson. Everything pointed to it, he said. There's none so blind as those who will not see, etcetera. I thought he was joking, but it gradually dawned on me that he wasn't, and that moreover he was positioned between me and the door.

"Set in your ways" — that's what they call it when single people start getting things out of proportion. "Don't get set in your ways." It SINGLE LIFE

Lynne Truss on obsessions springing from solitude



means don't use a protractor when setting the coffee table at an angle to the wall; don't attach so much importance to changing the date on your kitchen calendar that you scoot home from work midmorning to check you've done it. The image conjured up is of a stupid-looking prehistoric animal sinking in mud and muttering. "Actually, I always buy the Radio Times on a Wednesday" and "I

asked for a kitchen towel, and she bought me yellow".

bought me yellow".

One need only spend half an hour in a supermarket to see where getting set in your ways" can ultimately lead. There is a strange urban myth which says that in supermarkets single people strike up impromptu chars over the rindless streaky in the hope of finding a potential mate. In reality, however, they are more likely to start the conversation because rindless streaky has been occupy-

rindless streaky has been occupying their thoughts in the evenings. The trouble, of course, is to recognise when one's own reasonable preferences and quaint pet theories (attained through a painstaking process of trial and error) turn into pig-headed fixed ideas, or even dangerous obsessions. At what point does it "get out of hand"? I have a nasty suspicion that it is a phenomenon you can never observe in your own behaviour - one of those clever irregular verbs that invariably declines: I have rules about things; You are

set in your ways; He thinks Richard Branson is the Antichrist.

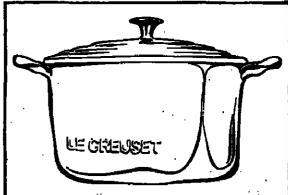
I am assuming. I suppose, that a sane live-in partner prevents the escalation of this behaviour—rather as he might helpfully point out that your clothes are thick with cat-hair or that there is tooth-paste

up your nostrils. But is it worth taking on a live-in partner just for this function? I can't believe it is. Perhaps, instead, there ought to be some tall, supernatural protector for single people (along the lines of Superman) who could spot a burgeoning obsession with his X-ray vision and wooosh into our homes (with a fanfare) to prevent it from getting a grip.

Thus, just as you were preparing your solitary dinner and thinking "I don't know. Eight sprouts seems too many, yet six sprouts seems too few", he would suddenly appear at your side and dash the whole bag to the ground, releasing you from their terrible influence. "A close call," he twinkles (with arms akimbo and a smile reminiscent of Richard Branson's). "Lumme," you say, "was I really counting sprouts?" "It's all over now," he chuckles, patting you on the shoulder. "Just don't let it happen again, you hear?"

happen again, you hear?"
And as he turns horizontal and flies off through the kitchen door with a cheery salute, you slide down the wall to a sitting position and think — with ample justification — "I wonder if I'm spending too much time on my own?".

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RAPHAEL REDISCOVERED:
Rephael's Madonna with the Pinks, one of his most lander early works, has been known for more than a century only from copies. But recently Nicholas Penny, of the National Gallery, recomised one of the supposed recognised one of the ill copies, in the Duke of Northumberland's colle

copies, in the Duke of Northumberland's collection, as the long-test original. Cleaning has revealed the picture to be in perfect condition. It is now on loan to the National Gallery, and on show with other Raphaels of the same pened. National Gallery, Trafstigar Square, London WC2 (071-839 3321), Mon-Set, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, opens today until March 29.

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KONIGST, DER: Mark Elder conducts English National Opera in David Pountney's new, warmhearted production of the Engelbest Humperdinck tehytale opera, alternatively titled The Prince and the Goosegiri. Fine performances from Cethryn Pope as the Goosegiri, simpling opposite Joseph Evens as the Prince, Enchanting stage sets by Sue Blane. Collesum, St Martin's Lene, London WC2 (071-638-3161), 7pm.

WC2 (071-838 3161), 7pm. the seeson of Mozert's Le Nozze of Figure in Johannes Scheel's production. The cast includes Judith Howarth, Gwunne Mozert warth, Gwynne Howell and Roberi r. Jeffrey Tate conducts. Royal Opera House, Covert Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). 7pm. ERIC CLAPTON: The veteran rocker begins his residency at the mother-of-

☐ 'ALLO' 'ALLO: The hit stage varion of the television show is back for a limited season (starring the original cast). Dominion, Tottenhem Court Road, W1 (771-580 9562), Mon-Thura, Spm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm.

☐ BECKET: Riveting performances from Derak, Jacobl and Robert Lindsay in Anouth's play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Henry I. Theatre Royal, Haymarkel, SW1 (071-930 8900). Mon-Sat, 7-20pm, mats Wad, Sat. Son. 165mas.

THE COTTON CLUB: An Impression of the Hartern nightspot: high on energy, low on story freshness. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 8404). Mon-Fri, 7:30pm, Set, 8pm, mate Wed, 2:30pm, Set, 4pm, 150mins.

Zi DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brien Friel's Chiver Award-winning memory-play, set in 1930s Donegal, Garrick, Cherng Cross Road, WC2. (071-484 5085). Mon-Sat, Sprin, mata Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes droll look at the fantasies of a woman married to a soccy nut.
Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thure, 8pm, Frt, Set, 6pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

■ FAITH HEALER: Stirring performances in Shan Frief's early play (count monologues) exploring a healer's doubts and sporadic powers. Royal Court, Seene Squere, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Set, Born, met Sat, 4pm. 205mins. Final week.

ETHE GIGLI CONCERT: Barry
Foster is obsessed with making an Irish
millioneirs (Tony Doyle) into the new
Gigli in Torn Murphy's powerful fable.
Almeids, Almeids Street, N1 (071-359
4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.
180mins

E GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Satisfying musical calabrating Fifties and Stone pop classics. Great stuff. Strand, Aktwych, WCZ (071-240 0300). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Set, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, 215mins.

NEW RELEASES DEATH IN BRUNSWICK (15): Sum DEATH IN BRURSWICK (16): Sam Neill as an ageing mother's boy sucked into love, violence and accidental murder. Tasty black comedy from new Australen director John Ruane.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (07:636 6148) Metro (071-437 0757).

♦ FOR THE BOYS (15): Song-andwars, only to be ruined by a synthetic script. With Bette Midler, James Csen; director, Mark Rydell. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914668) West End (0426 915574) Whiteleys

THE PLEASURE PRINCIPLE (18): Tangled affairs of a philandering journalist (Peter Firth), Flawed come that seems left over from the Swings Sixties; writer-director David Coher Carnons: Fulhern Road (071-370)

2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Piccedilly (071-437 3561). URGA (PG): Nikita Mikhalkov's mesmerising film about civilisation encreaching on the Mongolan steppes The top prizewinner at last year's Venice Film Festival. Curxon Mayfeir (071-465 8865).

LES VALSEUSES (18): Gerard Departieu and Patrick Deweere in 1974, as two lads with idle hands. Timely revival of Bertrand Stier's teroclous, amoral, annok-cocking 1974 romp Cannon PiccadBly (071-437 3561).

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♦ THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG) Tasty feast of black humour, impired by the 1960s TV spin-off from Charles Addams's mecabre carbons. Starring Raul Julia, Anjelica Huston, Christopher Lloyd; Girector, Barry

Sonnenfeld. Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5098) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeona: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915663).

BLACK ROBE (15) Seventeenth century Jesuit (Lotheire Burlesu) tries to convert inclians in northern Cuebec. Irrielligent spic from Brian Moore's novel. Director, Bruce Berestord. MGM Trocelero (071-434-0031) Plaza (071-497-9999)

THEATRES

TODAY'S EVENTS A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

St David's HSR, The Heyes, Cardiff (0222 371236), 7.30pm.

ROYAL SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA:

The Scottlish composer James
MacMillan's The Berserking features in
the RSC's concerts this week. Peter
Denohoe is the solelst in Itis
concertants work, whose title stams
from the socient wanter Celta' suicidel

combating. Also in the programme are Mendelsechn's "Hebndss" overture and Tchalkovsky's "Pethedque" Symphony. Methies Bamert conducts. Caird Hall, City Square, Dundos (0382 202513/cc 0382 202524), 7.30pm.

NASH ENSEMBLE: Britain's most

destinguished chamber ensemble presents the second concert of Russian macters. Suritone David Wilson-Johnson and planist David Owen Norris join the group in the first British performance of Firsows.

Odyssey, together with Museorgaky's Songs and Dances of Death for voice

and prano, and Tchakovsky's sexiet, Souvenir de Florence. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), 7:30pm.

EVERYTHING BUT THE GIRL: The

EVERTHING BUT I THE STILL THE Intelligent singer-songwriters Ban Wett and Tracey Thorn hit the road again, this time going back to basics with a series of accustic concerts. Especially for those untarialist with their intimate atyle and grown-up fyrics, the tour represents a welcome chance to see them unancumbered by a fixed must all finance.

musical sne-up.
Corn Exchange, Wheeler Street,
Cumbridge (0223 357851), 7,30pm.

Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987), Mon-Fri, Sprn, Sat, 8.30pm, mata Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm, 140mins.

E TALKING HEADS: Patricia Routledge and Alan Bennett excellent in these of his monologues charting the unconscious humour and pain of

desolute lives, Cornedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045): Mon-Set, Spm, mets Wed, Spm, Set, 4pm, 150m/ss.

BROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful

oldies. Good fun. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8 15pm, Fri, Sat.

☐ WALPURGIS NIGHT: Fascinating took at life and death in a Soviet paychiatric hospitat by V. Erolayev, a former innate. Snoo Wilson translates. Gate, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Death Wilson Wi

Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 160mins.

III WIND IN THE WILLOWS: Return of last year's hit version by Alan dennett withy and wonderful. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2232), Tonight, temporow, 7.15pm, mat temporow, 2pm, 205min

CI ATRIBUTE TO THE BLUES

6,15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

all-vettura until February 28, Clapton arvenues unto recrugey 2s. Caspron plays tracks from his regent files about, 24 hights, with a respectable line-up including guiter player Andy Fairweather Low. Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9999), 7.30pm.

ADZIDO: The Pan African dance enamble presents the London premise of its latest work, Siye Goë, which means "we are going to Johannesburg — the Crty of Gold". The work re-enects the encestral "Feast of Bettim". Return", a time when the dead and bankhed come back to recount their past. The show feetures a cast of over 30 denomination of drummers. First of tour

VOGLER QUARTET: The young quartet whose members hall from what was East Barin greatly impressed critics at their Wigmore Hall debut a couple of years ago, in this first concert of a British tour they play Wolf a listen Supposed. Members Store Italian Serenade, Haydn's String Cuertet, Op 77 No 1 and, with the clarinettist Emma Johnson, Brahm

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☐ THE LITTLE CLAY CART: Disappointingly ohermies version of what could have been an inspiring gimpe of classics indian theatre. National (Cottesice), South Benk, SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight-Sal, 7.80pm, mats Thurs, Set, 2.30pm, 205mins. ☐ PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Glechul version of the old thriller; tunes by Ottenbach, Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd Webber.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury, Avenue, WCZ (071-379 5399). Mon-Frt. 7.30pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 190mins.

☐ A POSTER OF THE COSMOS: LI A POSTEH OF THE CUSMOS: London Gay Theatre Company in five American playlets, withy or poignant, well stone and mostly worth doing. Offstage Downstairs, 37 Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (071-257 0457). Tues-Sun, Spm. 125mins.

☐ THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN: Arthur Miller's disappointingly one-sided play where Tom Contl argues the case for bigarry. Wyndham's, Chering Cross Road, WCZ (071-857 1116). Mon-Sat, 7,30pm, mate Thurs, Sat, 2,30pm, 150mins, Final week.

☐ THE SEA: Judi Dench spientid as the village grande-dame in Edward Bond's comedy of rage and madness. National (Lyttetton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2.15pm and 7.30pm. 15mins.

☐ SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve singer-dancers which through the music of Duke Ellington. Obvious routines carried diagues the true nueful Duke. Blobe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 6063). Mon-Fri, Bprn, Sat, \$30pm. mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 130mins. A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two plantsts in likeable tribute to Cole Porter's wit and vry melodies.

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre HORS LA VIE (15): Mesterly account of a French hostage's He in the turnor CINEMA GUIDE of Beirut. Stärring Hippolyte Girardot; director, Mercun Begdadi. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where 636 8148) Screen on Baker

release across the country. ◆ BLAME IT ON THE BELLBOY (12): Impersonal, machine-tooled, did-fashioned barce. With Dudley Moore, Richard Griffiths, Patsy Kensit, Writer-director, Merk Herman. Carnonas: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Oxforns: Kensington (0425 914666) West End (0425 915574) Whiteleys (071-792 3330) cousading D.A. Jim Gan

BOUDU SAVED FROM DROWNING (PG): Welcome revived of Jean Remot's enarchic pestorale (1932), with Michel Simon as the unregenerate tramp clasped to the bourgeds bosom. Plus Jean Vigo's surreal view of school days, 24m de conduite a

Zèro de conduite (U). Renoir (071-837 8402). ◆ COUPE DE VILLE (12): Three warring brothers travel cross-country in a 1954 Cadillec. Breezy blend of road

a 1954 Cacines, treezy bend of roco-novie, male-bonding comedy, and 1960s nostalgis. With Patrick Dempsey, Arya Gross, Daniel Stern; director, Joe Roth. Cathonia: Fullham Road (071-370) 2636) Panton Street (071-930 0631). DELICATESSEN (15): French video whizzkids Jeunet and Caro's wonderfully bizzere fantesy about a seful of lenants living above a mibelistic buildher With Cominiqu

Pinon, Mane-Laure Dougnes: Cannons: Chelses (071-352 5098) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 **♦ FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (15):**

Short-order cook (Al Pacino) court wary wastress (Michelle Pleiffer) Synthetic adaptation of Terrance McNaty's play. Director, Garry Marshell.
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Ballar Street (071-535 9772) Pulham
Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497
9999) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

♦ JFK (15): Ofever Stone's contentious, electrifying, three-hour drams about the Kennedy

crusscing D. A. Jan Seriman, a seeming supporting cast.
Berbican (071-638 8891) Camden
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(071-727 6705) MGM Troaction (071-

LIFE IS SWEET (15): Mike Leight's droil, farcical, award-winning comedy about a North London tamily a upe and downs. Starting Alson Steadman. Premiers (071-439 4470).

LITTLE MAN TATE (PG): How and tow not to near a child prodigy. An engaging young player (Adam Harn Byrd) and sensible direction (Jodie Foster) easily offset the facile Tomorphisms (771-352 5096)
Camon Chelses (771-352 5096)
Odeons: Haymarket (0425 915353)
Kensington (0425 914986) Whiteley (071-792 3332).

MISSISSIPPI MASALA (15): Indiana displaced from Uganda to Mississippi fret over race and young love. Sharp Insights, but soggy at the cantre. Starring Sarita Choudhury, Denzel Washington Director, Mire Nair. Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

MY GIRL (PG): Teeth-grating blend of pre-teen anget and middle-aged romance; Macaulay Culluling ets his first loss With Anna Chiluminy, Dan Aylooyd, Jamie Lee Curtie, Director, Howard Zleff Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Chelman (071-952 5096) Odeona: Kansington (0426 915683) Whiteleys (071-792 33332).

RIFE-RAFF (15): Welcome return of Ken Loach's mervellous, scruft) "size of life" portrait of a building-site crew; voted "European Film of the Year" Premiere (071-439 4470).

Eloquence flows out of silence

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THE reputation of the Bush is unrivalled among Fringe theatres for nurturing new work. Far more often than not, the judgement of its managerial team is proved sound when a selected play comes to be staged. Uncommon settings do not faze them; somehow their designers can turn the modest stage into an archery ground, railway sidings or a tug boat sinking in the Clyde.

Maureen O'Brien's admirable first play, set in a prison cell, presents no such taxing problem, but Mark Viner seems to have gone out of his way to give his design an institutional feel. not just with smeared tiles on the walls and steel rafters overhead, but eight inches of rough-edged concrete on the floor. Hacking that to bits at the end of the run will leave them all choking for hours.

A few months before the play begins, Judith, a 35-ish spinster of quier disposition, has been brought to the prison after gulls in a railway cutting were found feeding on portions of her elderly mother. This explanation for her presence is not immediately disclosed, though clearly some particularly weird event has occurred, because Judith (Sian Thomas) has become even quieter, in fact totally dumb. Alex, a psychiatrist whose speciality is autistic children. and who is initially reluctant to work with an adult, visits her three times a week to discover whether, in his words, her silence is hysterical or elective. His brief is to persuade her to speak again, to learn what happened

For 45 minutes, it is only Alex (Paul Freeman) who talks, seemingly un-

VALIANT insiders or lame acces-

sories? Vaguely ill or lusciously

aphrodisiac? Whatever your view of

the viola, that most under-regarded of

instruments, or of the noise it makes,

you will have had to change your mind a few dozen times through the

tricks and turns of Benedict Mason's

new Concerto for the entire section of

14 viola players. Clearly all involved

in the musical world, from critics

down, have been overlooking a vital

Mason's initial plan was appar-

ently a quite general one: to compose

a piece that would throw the spotlight

on, or seem to have been written as if

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tral group. His eventual choice was

no doubt conditioned by his taste for

slightly scatty (sorry, I mean "ju-

dicious") starting points; maybe it helped too that this was his own

part of the orchestra

dismayed by her refusal to answer his questions, respond to his suggestions or even to turn away from the scrap of sky she is presumably studying through the window.

The author makes him a profoundly sympathetic character, with an endearing habit of cancelling his testy outbursts when taping his reports, and Freeman conveys both his dry irony and the alert concern that draws him unwittingly into an emotion deeper than friendship. He. discovers this truth while eating baked beans from the tin in his office, tipping it up in the process and thus literally spilling the beans — a piece of author's cheek that she, Freeman. and the director (Dominic Dromgoole) remarkably manage to

make acceptable. Judith eventually does talk and then there is almost no stopping her, like the speaker in Beckett's Not 1. or the grandmother in Tom Murphy's Bailegangaire, two other Irish writers concerned with the power of words to hint at an unvoicable story. Judith reveals herself to be sharp-eared. grammatically precise and able to charge her recollections with a visual acuity that conjures up for us images of the chair-bound mother or sweat on the gardener's back. Thomas never loses the unearthly poise of her silent scenes or her curiously intent, bird-like stare, but as her story proceeds, a kind of defenceless joy radiates from the tight space her body

Near the end, some of Alex's leading questions feel wrong, and there is one speech (spoken as if by another) that is more to do with Psycho than psychiatry, but O'Brien's play is a most hopeful debut. It is also subtly lit by Mark Ridler and beautifully paced in Dromgoole's direction. Recommended. ·



Compelling duo: Judith (Sian Thomas) and Alex (Paul Freeman)

JEREMY KINGSTON Spotlight on the viola

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instrument — or maybe playing the instrument helped him become the slightly scatty (sorry, etc) composer he: is. In any event, swerving the centre down from the violins in this way turns out to have surprising effects. Like a bucket kicked in from the side, the orchestra loses much of its normal function as well as its shape:

Strange things happen. One of the trombonists starts to sing with a low bass voice, while another is heard

weeping into his instrument because he has not reached the platform on time. Then one of the clarinectists (female) begins singing coloratura soprano: the percussionists are playing steel drums or swinging those cooing flexible tubes; the horns are switching between ancient instruments and Wagner tubas: and before you know where you are the solo section are away leading the rest

of the orchestra on a wild skirmish. This is the fifth of the work's six movements. The first is a beautifully composed sequence of objections to the focus being placed where it is, ending with a vision of the orchestra as clanking, ill-oiled machinery. The second is a drunken lurch from one

miniature concerto into another, always with some combination of favoured instruments in the

foreground. Then comes a piece of Latin American baroque, followed by a magical slow movement, featuring the eerie metal whispers of strings and brass with practice mutes under delicate ripples of steel drums and synthesizer. Finally there is another slow movement, based on scale-wise descents of deflation, with the last gasps, and the last melodies, entrusted of course to the 14 soloists. They, and their colleagues, and Lothar Zagrosek conducting, and Nicole Tibbels and Jonathan Best (owners of the wonderful, drifting lost voices) realised they were on to something special.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

Spurs to **SUCCESS**

ROCK .

Lush Town and Country Club

LUSH may be most notable for inspiring poetry in reviewers who normally never touch the stuff. "Clearly-formed chrysalids" and "oscillating fountainfalls" are among the un-blushing descriptions of the combo and their music. And these are relatively restrained.

Faced with the chore of living up to it, Lush (Tottenham supporters to a man, and only vaguely chrysalid-like) responded by rationing their live and vinyl output. The strategy has succeeded. Their debut LP, Spooky. entered last week's chart at number seven. The pavement outside the dub accordingly assumed the appearance of White Hart Lane on a Saturday afternoon. Dreamy-eyed fans dis-played unwonted spirit as they hag-

gled with the touts. If the customers were somewhat coarse, the band was reassuringly ethereal. They arrived in a spectral puff of smoke and felt their way into Stray". The first track on Spooky, it encapsulates Lush: intoxicated female vocals and shimmery, guitar-led meanderings in the place of songs. "Stray" and the smoke gave way to

"Bitter" and pink back-lighting that... engulfed the group's male half in

It was confirmation that Lush is orchestrated by its remarkable sing-ing guitarists. Emma Anderson and Miki Berenyi. They are responsible for the floating atmosphere that makes the music such a heady experience. On a good night such as this show, their breathy harmonies elevate the songs from basic pop structures to something more abstract. (Consequently it was startling to hear Miki's between-song comments delivered in expletive-laced cockney vernacular. Does she nor-mally speak this way, or is it meant as some ironic counterpoint to the music? Evidence suggests the former.)

Airy concoctions such as "Nothing Natural" and "For Love" were accompanied by thematic colour displays. It is apparently Berenyi's belief that songs have individual colour auras. Hence "For Love" was illustrated with soothing magenta lights, "Scarlet" received the appropriate treatment and so on. Perhaps there is something in her theory. The lights did seem to enhance the tunes.

The other side of Lush — the Old Kent Road side, as it were — was aired during "Superblast!" and "Baby Talk". During these numbers they gave in to the temptation to turn up the amplifiers like a real rock band. The fragile vocals wilted under the guitar onslaught. It was enjoyable. though. So far, everything Lush have done is touched with magic.

CAROLINE SULLIVAN

Witless in Manhattan

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IN NEW YORK John Guare's name is big - his play Six Degrees of Separation has just finished an 18th run on Broadway - but here it means little, and the production of this 1979 play is unlikely to make us mourn what we have missed. It contains three scenes: the first between the fatuous Scooper and his elderly, blind mother, is a fairly short prologue to an hour-long duologue between Scooper and Deirdre, the girl he picks up after eyeing her for months in the waiting room of the psychoanalyst they share. At the end of the first scene Henny, the old lady, has been carted off to

hospital, and in the eventual climax to the second scene Deirdre stabs Scooper with her paper knife and Scooper somehow injures her (the action becomes impossibly confused), both of them turning up in the same hospital for the last scene, fought out around the mother's bed. Eva Pearce's performance in the

first scene goes no way towards interesting us in Henny, for which Guare's writing is principally to blame, over-playing the device of the

unanswered question and either making no reference at all to her blindness or making it easy to miss. When she re-appears, however, Pearce does pretty well, smiling beakily from the

of her pil Unfortunately, for the greater part of the evening we have to focus upon Scooper, a character for whom the description "feebleton" must be coined. He is unexcitingly played by Campbell Graham, founder of Fifth Floor, the company presenting this production. Graham also frequently gives the wrong tone to his lines. It is certainly hard to know how any human being would sensibly intonate "She looked at me with her milky eyes, the sight curdling out of them." But assuming that some person would want to say "As soon as she went blind her mind snapped back, like the price of gold," the remark surely suggests Manhattan wit, and Graham conveys none of this.

Scooper and Deirdre (Debora Weston, marginally more convincing) converse in ornate language, heavily freighted with references to the lit-erary great. "What is it Hannah Arendt says?" "What is Hemingway's phrase?" At last Deirdre curses E.M. Forster, which momentarily draws one to her side. She apparently collects old books. "Lovely bindings." Scooper murmers, clearly never having seen a simple hardback before. Nor has Daniel Banks either, whose direction fails to reveal what Guare may have intended in his tale of love among the psycho-babblers.

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INTERVIEW-

Her genes are a perfect fit

Actress Natasha Richardson, daughter of Vanessa Redgrave and the film-maker Tony Richardson, talks to Lauris Morgan-Griffiths about family and career

mention of the family name would nave resulted in a strong draught of cold air. ast week, however, Natasha Richardson was in London to lend moral support to her mo-ther, Vanessa Redgrave (voted best actress in the Variety Club Awards), and she seemed happy to acknow-ledge her distinguished li-

neage.
As a young actress, Richardson evidently found the family reputation daunting. perhaps even stultifying. Whether the death from Aids last November of her father, the director Tony Richardson, has altered her outlook, or whether it is simply that, at 28, she has a new-found maturity, she is now keener to embrace the mutual support stem that the family offers. As far as is geographically possible they catch each other's performances, and Natasha actively invites comment from her own family. That "constructive criticism", she says, is something she will miss most about her father.

Her father's name crops up often in conversation. She remembers that it was he who introduced her, at the age of 14. to New York, a city with which she immediately felt a sense of belonging. Along with London, New York is now home for her and Robert Fox, her theatre-producer husband "I don't think you could have a closer relationship between father and daughter than we had. He was furious when I got mar-ried. He would have liked me

to have lived with him." Tony Richardson directed his most critically successful films in the 1960s: Look Back in Anger, A Taste of Honey, The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner. Natasha's

first part — "more an extra" - at the age of three or four, was as her mother's bridesmaid in The Charge of the

Light Brigade.
I don't really quite know what I'm going to do without him. He gave me so much, gave me a huge wealth of different experiences, different people, different places.

'Her acting aims for truth derived from an emotional connection with the character'

He doggedly fought to do the work he believed in, refusing to work for studios who were probably offering lucrative films. If he didn't believe in them, he wouldn't do them. He did what I think is his best work in years in a film with Jessica Lange and Tommy Lee Jones called Blue Skies, which is coming out later this year. I am so pleased that this is his last film; it cocks a snook at those people that said, 'Oh well, his talent had just gone off the boil"."

Understandably, Natasha Richardson has a great re-spect for the sort of directors who fight long and hard to get projects off the ground. and who display integrity and vision. Paul Schrader has been a focal point in her career. Directing her in Patty Hearst, he fought for her in preference to American actors when she was virtually

unknown in the United States. And when she had reservations about accepting Comfort of Strangers, she finally agreed because "I owed him one".

Patty Hearst won Richardson her first film comedy role. Then, The Handmaid's Tale nearly lost it. She had almost signed the deal for The Favour, the Watch and the Very Big Fish when she was strongly advised to break her holiday. Ben Lewin, the direc-tor of The Favour, had seen The Handmaid's Tale and wanted convincing that she

could be funny.

She convinced him, perhaps because, in real life. Richardson — with a ready gurgle of a laugh - is a far warmer person than some of those she portrays on screen. Her film roles have been strong, but often of a type-women manipulated into strange situations. In theatre, by contrast, she has mixed lightweight roles in On the Razzle, Top Girls, Charlie's Aunt and High Society with the classic roles in Hamlet, A Midsummer Night's Dream and The Seaguil.
She is delighted with her

first romantic comedy. The Favour, the Watch and the Very Big Fish, based on Marcel Ayme's novel Rue Saint-Sulpice, takes place in a shop selling religious arte-facts. Bob Hoskins is a photographer seeking a Christ figure for a religious picture. Jeff Goldblum, an ex-convict. fits the bill, and they are both in love with Richardson. The watch" links the triangular relationship; the "favour" is how Hoskins and Richardson meet; the "very big fish" has a fleeting role.

Richardson chooses her parts largely on gut instinct, based on the need to do something different and



Richardson: "I don't think you could have a closer relationship between father and daughter than we had."

bring something special to the character. Her acting, "a sort of method acting, but not in the American way", aims for truth derived from an emotional connection with the character.

In this film, Richardson gets the man, Hoskins. But she found their meeting scene 'incredibly nerve-wracking". They had to sit side by side, voicing the soundtrack to a blue movie. There were "three pages of stage directions for

one orgasm; rises and falls and crescendos with instructions like 'She trilled like a bird' ". Aware of the orgasm scene in When Harry Met Sally, Richardson says she "heard a symphony of an orgasm in my head; I stopped thinking about what the crew might think I sounded like in bed." It would have been preferable, she thinks, to have to play a love scene naked. "At least vou can close vour eves

and hide in someone's shoul-

der and a bit of sheet." With so much competition for so few meaty roles, even good actresses like Richardson cannot afford to wait for them simply to be handed over. She admits that she chased roles in The Sheltering Sky and Dangerous Liaisons, but failed. "I can't bear the humiliation, so unless

really want to do something, I would rather not put myself in the position of being turned down for it."

Inheriting a strong work ethic, Richardson does not welcome fallow periods. So she is also beginning to work as a producer, creating her own projects. Her first suc-cess has been to persuade Jason Robards to play opp-

• The Favour, the Watch and the Very Big Fish will be review

osite her in Anna Christie, on

ARTS BRIEF

Showing more

AFTER several years in the doldrums, the Edinburgh Festival exhibition programme is looking up. The National Galleries of Scotland are staging three major exhibitions, including what is billed as the definitive show of the work of the 18th-century portrait painter Allan Ramsay (1713-84).

Ramsay, painter to King George III. was a leading figure in the Scottish Enlightenment, though his reputation never rivalled those of his English counterparts. Reynolds and Gainsborough. This festival show may change that. The two other exhibitions are devoted to "Dutch Art and Scotland: A Reflection of Taste" and to

Another Dylan

Thomas is to be the subject of an hour-long programme on the network. Devised by the singer/songwriter Ralph Mc-I (composer of that perennial favourite, "The Streets of London"), the narrative is underscored with songs and orchestrations, and features Michael Elphick as a private eye character who attempts to nvestigate the early death of the Welsh poet. The Boy With a Note will be broadcast on March 3.

Last chance...

SELDOM can a new play by a major dramatist have received such mixed reviews as Arthur Miller's Ride Down Mt Morgan at Wyndhams (071-867 1111) last October. Some were highly amused by its sympathetic portrait of a bigamist and the two women in his life; others, including this paper, thought the piece laborious and its arguments for emotional honesty shallow. Tom Conti shrugs and shambles his way through the role of the two-timing Lyman for the last time on Saturday.

> TOMORROW IN LIFE & TIMES Geoff Brown on Barton Fink and the other new films

LITERATURE

Take a dip, everybody's doing it

A re you in the market for a plausible literary anthology of lies? Or nutty enough to want one on madness? How about a nice volume of fevers and frets for a friend? Know anyone to buy death for? If so, anthologies on all these subjects are available, and part of a proliferating industry.

In the last few years we have had - to choose but a few — literary companions to seductions (edited by an exnun, Jenny Newman), to marriage, friendship, dissent, dreams, the turf, the sea, soccer (edited by a distinguished poet and biographer, Ian Hamilton), and one the publishers say you could "buy for almost anyone": Drinks, Drinkers and Drinking.
Oxford University Press

has more than 40 anthologies in print: Faber more than 30. The "Chatto Books of" are thriving; Penguin and Virago have long been in on the idea; and last autumn the first (Theatre Verse) of the dramaoriented "Methuen Books of" appeared. Others have joined in: Fiona Pitt-Kethley's already much-chastised Literary Companion to Sex is published by Sinclair-Steven-son on Friday: Valentine's Day. More, many more, are on the assembly line.

Anthologies clearly sell, but why? And, as their subjects get more and more recherchė, have publishers gone well over the top on esoteric compilations? It can only be a matter of time before we have The Bedside Book of Skin Diseases or The Faber Book of Root Vegetables. There is enough material already for an anthology of anthologies.

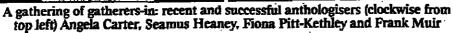
There is a long tradition of compiling the good bits of Shakespeare, or "Gems of English Poetry", and the Victorians liked to dip into thematic drawing-room collections. Many of us grew up with Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch's Oxford Book of English Verse and Palgrave's Golden Treasury. Hugh Kingsmill's Invective and Abuse, published in 1944. was successful enough to be followed up by More Invecrive. Brian Gardner's anthology of first world war poetry. Up the Line to Death, edited by Brian Gardner and published by Methuen in the 1960s, "goes on and on".

But the form has enjoyed a recent renaissance. Collections of prose and poetry Although literary anthologies are becoming ever more esoteric, their popularity continues to grow. Nicolette Jones reports









themselves have diversified from improving samples for the schoolroom and comprehensive representations of the British literary canon, to such groundbreaking ventures as Virago's Bread and Roses, an anthology of women's poetry; Faber's Vernacular Verse: Penguin's Caribbean Verse and Homosexual Verse; and Virago's new collection of "poetry for the environment": Beneath the Wide, Wide Heaven.

Certain watershed books in the genre encouraged publishers to experiment. For OUP, which had long published academic anthologies of Latin or German verse for a specialist readership, the success of James Sutherland's Oxford Book of Literary Anecdotes, first published in 1975 and still a top seller, was a revelation. The list expanded cautiously and now includes Oxford Books of Dreams, Prayer, Royal Anecdotes and even of Oxford.

Still the publishers say they are selective: "Oxford Books have a certain cachet; we have to be careful that the subjects are appropriate and appropriately done." says a spokes-man. "It wouldn't be so easy for us to do a book of sex."

or Chatto, two poetry anthologies did well in 1988: Hugh Haughton's Nonsense Poetry and John Fuller's Love Poetry. These triumphs meant that when Francis Spufford suggested The Chatto Book of Cabbages and Kings, a hoard of literary lists, the publishers took up the

Was there a need for a book of literary lists? "No one really needs an anthology, ever," admits Chatto's Jonathan

Burnham. These are not use-·ful reference books, like dictionaries of quotations. So who, and what, are they for? For instance, The Faber Book of Soccer is not, as even its publisher admits, for the terraces. The average fan is not going to see the point of an extract from Martin Amis, even when the extract is about the average fan.

Mostly anthologies are bought as gifts: match your friends to the theme. Hence the success of Love Poetry (Chatto's best seller)... There could be a lot of unhappy recipients out there of lies. madness or death. But these clearly have a curiosity value: The Penguin Book of Lies has sold 12,000 copies in hardback and more than 15.000 in paperback.

Its editor, crime novelist and amateur forger Philip Kerr, who paints his own Cézannes for a hobby, justi-fies his theme: "I read Oscar Wilde's monograph On the Decay of Lying, in which he speculated that one day some-one would collect a short edition of the world's best lies and liars. If it was a good idea then it seemed a good idea

Oxford believes its antholories are best read through, like novels, because they set out to show historical developments. That seems optistic. As Geoffrey Strachan of Methuen says, these are "books you don't have to take a holiday to read". They reward half an hour's bedtime dabbling.

o is their success evi-dence of our bite-sized attention span? Perhaps, although their popularity grows along with that of novels that can double as doorstops. And is it fair to writers to reduce them to sound-bites, the literary equivalent of television's handling of politicians' speeches? Publishers insist anthologies can be of service to literature. acquainting thousands with bits of Bunyan or Barrett Browning they would other-wise be unlikely to encounter.

Besides, quality writing is acknowledged to be a crucial selling point. Another is respected editors, as shown by Frank Muir's Oxford Book of Humorous Prose, Angela Carter's Virago Book of Fairy Tales, Seamus Heaney and Ted Hughes's The Rattle Bag (an anthology for children), and John Carry's Faber Book of Reportage, their respective publishers' top-sellers.

As compension increases. could the trend be on the way out? Not immediately, it seems. Faber will continue to publish "one or two a season", and among its forthcoming commissions are Salman Rushdie on Indian short fiction, A.N. Wilson on churches and clergymen, Christopher Ricks on America, Simon Rae on murder.

Methuen has Shakespeare anecdores coming in April and theatrical short stories in October. From Chatto we can look forward to books of the Devil and of office life; from Oxford, John Mortimer on villains; from Virago, wicked verse; and from Penguin, fights, feuds and heartfelt hatreds. Rumour has it that there is even a literary companion to dogs on the way.

Ragging

TELEVISION REVIEW

are so old that they almost seem new again. Thomas Hobbes antiagain. I nomas riobbes anti-cipated Olenka Frenkiel's The New Holy Roman Em-pire (Assignment, BBC 2) more than three centuries ago: the Papacy, he claimed, "is no other than the Ghost of the deceased Roman Emof the deceased Koman Em-pire, sitting crowned upon the grave thereof. But Frenkiel and her producer, Dinah Lord, were more at home with the crude demonology of Popish plots. Eollowing the colleges of

ome of the BBC's ideas

Following the collapse of communism, so ran their argument, the Catholic Church has embarked on a two-pronged offensive: against liberalism in the west and against the Russian Orthodox Church in the east. Reinforced by loaded images an episcopal procession stepping over bodies of demonstrators in Zurich, a Vatican guard stamping his foot - a case was made that John Paul II now aspires to create

a Catholic theocracy.

That case omitted any reference to the documents through which the Pope propagates his views. His most recent encyclical, Centesimus Annus, pub-lished only last year, in which the Church embraced western democracy and capital**Vatican**

ism, was a landmark in the history of Catholic social thought. But the strict prohibition of abortion, which the programme treated as an example of John Paul's illiberalism, was axiomatic long before his pontificate.

The preaching of heterodoxy from the pulpit has nothing to do with political freedom or human rights, but the Pope's attempt to reassert his authority over the clergy was treated as an attack upon democracy in general. It was predictable that the pro-gramme would give opportu-nities to John Paul's critics, such as Hans Kung and Peter Hebblethwaite, to de-nounce him. But their allegations were never allowed to

be answered.
Instead we were left with Kung's assertion (unplea-santly suggestive of German arrogance towards Pclcs) that the Pope is trying to impose a Polish model on the

rest of Europe. Frenkiel's patronising portrait of Polish Catholicism — with the for-mer mouthpiece of martial law, Jerzy Urban, wheeled on to warn of "clerical dictatorship" — implausibly sug-gested that the church had there inherited the "power"

of the communist party.

The no less loaded treatment of Catholic missions in the former Soviet Union likewise exploited the faintly sinister resonance which words such as "Jesuit" still have in this country. But it was never made clear whether the "Pope's divisions" were indeed a grave threat to the values held dear at the BBC, or whether the Roman church was "a colonial empire in its last days". Perhaps Frenkiel et al hoped the mud would stick, either

At one point in the pro-gramme the Reverend Ian Paisley, MP, was hauled out of the European Parliament, hurling abuse at the Pope. Unlike those who dislike Wojtyla for being a Polish Catholic or for undermining communism, Paisley was sure that he was up against Antichrist. Give me a good old-fashioned anti-Papist any day.

DANIEL JOHNSON

JAZZ RECORDS

Reasons to be cheerful

AFTER the euphoria of the 1980s, British jazz is slowly coming back to earth. Doom and gloom are everywhere. Yet Orphy Robinson's debut for Blue Note suggests that there are some reasons for optimism.

A vibraphone player who made his name with Andy Sheppard and the Jazz Warriors. Robinson is an incandescent, sometimes prolix soloist who has been seeking the ideal vehicle for his talents. With the sextet Annavas he turns away from the conventions of theme-solo-theme and experiments with collective improvisation, In the process he is also anempting to synthesize the musical styles which have influenced his generation of black

Londoners. The most distinctive feature is the unorthodox instrumentation, Rowland Sutherland's flute drifting alongside the kora of the young African virtuoso Tunde Jegede. The players set about their task

When Tomorrow Comes (Blue Note CDP-7985812) George Shearing: The (Sequel Jazz NXTCD-173)
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with enormous vitality, with Robinson often content to lay down a simple interlocking rhythmic pattern.

As a first album, When Tomorrow Comes is accomplished, but could have been even more persuasive. Almost all the pieces could have been reduced by half without sacrificing intensity. The 14-minute suite "Let's See What Tomorrow Comes" is the worst offender.

Otherwise the album benefits from scrupulous production work by John Surman. And Robinson shows greater ambition and individuality than many of the American tyros signed up by Blue Note.

British by birth, George Shearing became one of the kings of crossover in the Fifties through his use of decorative unison arrangements of piano, guitar and vibes. Add laid-back Latin percussion, and the result is a guaranteed crowd pleaser. Stretched across three CDs on The Shearing Touch - relicensed from the Capitol vaults - the formula does wear thin. There is, however, the bonus of guest appearances by Nat King Cole, Peggy Lee, Nancy Wilson and Dakota Staton.

There is rather more meat to be found on his recent work for the Concord label. Among the more relaxed dates is a 1990 West Coast concert with Mel Torme Built around songs from the war years, this is an informal and unbuttoned session: two friends having a good time and not worrying about the occasional clinker.

CLIVE DAVIS

Hard tackles on a shoestring

On Sunday women's rugby took over the sacred turf of Cardiff Arms Park.

William Greaves was converted



Bess Evans with her mother after the game, and two stitches

n three hours they would be striding out on to the hal-lowed ground of Cardiff Arms Park, the ancestral home of Welsh rugby where Gar-eth Edwards and J.P.R. Williams once reigned supreme. But now the track-suited forwards were sitting, lounging and crouching on and around the double bed of room 213 at the city's Angel Hotel, listening to coach Jonathan Moore telling them what to expect from the much-vaunted English

pack.
"When they're in our 22 they'll attack off the back row and look to work a switch with the centres, so watch the blind side." he said, in a jargon which was instantly understood by an audience of thoughtfully nodding heads. "If the back row start running it's your job, Bess, to get out there tackling..."

From the corner, Belinda Davies, a 29-year-old sales manager from Llandrindod Wells, felt moved to offer her view of her opposing prop forward. Sandy Ewing: "She's happy when she's allowed to look good running around the park - but give her a bad time in the scrum and she's knackered."

The tension eased. This was fighting talk and just the kind of thing 25-year-old Bess Evans. hooker, vice-captain and chair-man of the Welsh Women's Rugby Football Union, needed to hear to quell the big match nerves which had kept her awake for most of the

As the host organiser of the sixth clash between the women of Wales and England, she knew better than anybody the significance of the next few hours. This was much more than a game of rugger. It was the day when the audience response would determine whether her sex had really made its mark on the most intimately physical of

all outdoor team sports.

I had come, full of joy and rich in mixed metaphor, to watch jolly hockey sticks replacing the blood and bruises of the real thing. There would never be a better

chance to challenge such chauvin-ist prejudices. Although their first club sides date back to the late 1970s and the Women's Rugby Football Union (WRFU) was formed nine years ago, last Sunday was the first time they had been allowed to use a national stadium for a home international

And if that were not milestone enough, the game was to be refereed by Derek Bevan, who took charge of last year's World Cup final in which Australia and England could have filled Twickenham many times over.

Would such an eloquent vote of confidence from one of the most respected officials of the men's game produce the kind of spectator attendance which was so desperately needed?

That all this was haunting the Welsh chairman's mind through those fitful hours of darkness was confirmed first thing on the morn-ing of battle by her roommate Tania Wear, a 26-year-old engineering undergraduate, loose head prop forward and new cap. "Every time I rolled over, I was aware of Bess lying there wide awake, staring at the ceiling," she

Miss Evans, an athletic and irrepressibly cheerful postgraduate student of the University of Wales, where she is studying for an M. Phil in sports physiology, agreed that it had been a disastrous night. "The trouble was that I was wearing two hats. As a player I hadly want to beat England but I'm also concerned that the whole



All in together: the Welsh women's rugby union team engage in a loose maul while Derek Bevan, the World Cup referee, keeps a sharp eye on proceedings

day is a success. Because we are playing at the Arms Park, I thought it was important to keep up the stature of the occasion by booking the two teams into good hotels nearby. The Welsh Rugby Union gave us the ground but we have to pay for the security stewards and although both the Grand and the Angel hotels have. generously given me time to settle their accounts, I'll be in big trouble if we don't get enough through the turnstiles."

ith 130 club sides but no major sponsor, women's rugby is both the fastestgrowing team sport in Britain (according to the Sports Council) and a shoestring survivor. That one of its star players should have to lift her eyes from the scrum and anxiously count the paying punt-ers comes as no surprise to Karen Almond, a PE teacher from Hert-fordship who is the England fordshire who is the England visitors captain, fly half and a veteran of 20 internationals. "We've always had to pay for our own travel and hotels and we even have to buy our shirts and socks

out of our own pocket," she said without a hint of complaint. "We had our own world cup competition last year and England lost to the US in the final. We'd love to go over there to play a return but it's an awfully long way away." By 6.30am, Miss Evans gave up

the unequal struggle against in-somnia, got dressed and went out to pace the Cardiff pavements. Three hours later she joined her teammates for a carbohydrate breakfast of pasta and a lemon and lime energy drink which Carol Thomas, a wing forward with eight previous caps but today one of the replacements on the bench, said tasted much better with vodka in it. Everyone laughed a bit too loudly. Badinage was clearly an approved antidote to

ever-tightening nerves.

Afterwards in room 102 — "just give me five minutes to tidy away yesterday's knickers" (more laughter and several ribald comments) - Miss Evans laid newspaper on the bed to get down to the chore of barriers," she said. "I was introduced to the game at college and 'I wanted to play because it was a young, growing sport — and the physical contact appealed too'

wanted to play it because unlike hockey and nerball it was a young, growing sport — and I suppose the physical contact side of it appealed

With an hour to go before kickoff, both teams were changed and out on the turf for team pictures. Edginess was everywhere as each player found her own method to calm a pounding heart. Miss Wear looked up at the empty stands. "You can almost feel them boot-cleaning. "I never had any feminist ambition to knock down said. "It's a dream come true. At college a lot of the boys talk about one day playing at Cardiff Arms

The crowd, including guests, built up to about 3,000 and the all-

Park - well I've beaten them too

important turnstile receipts to £6,500 — "certainly enough to cover the hotel and security bills". said a much relieved Miss Evans afterwards. If it was not exactly the capacity 53,000 that would have graced the comparable men's in-ternational clash, by the time the band had played the national anthems, there was no shortage of partisan clamour.

And within about 20 minutes at least one male spectator was aware of a strange attitude conversion. England's fleet-footed Deborah Francis had gone over for a try in the corner; at the other end Welsh flanker Jackie Morgan had taken advantage of an appalling defen-sive mix-up to touch down the equalising points: the crowd. equally divided in allegiance. bayed its encouragement - and the field was no longer full of women but of rugby players locked in mighty conflict.

with Miss Almond and her opposing Welsh fly-half. Samantha Porter, exchanging a couple of penalty goals each. A lengthy period of English pressure in the last half hour brought a spectacular try from full-back Jane Mitchell and a

winning margin of 14-10.

Back at the hotel, Rosie Golby, a player herself and the secretary of the WRFU, laughed at my reaction. "That's what nearly everyone says when they watch for the first time — that they soon forget that we are women," she said.

Last to arrive at the reception was Miss Evans — delayed by having two stitches in a badly cut

'I went in to tackle Jill Burns. the English No 8, and her head popped up and caught me," she said philosophically. "It doesn't look very pretty and I'm afraid it's ruined my chances for tonight."
Her mother, Jean Evans, put a

consoling arm around her. "She's had black eyes, terrible bruises and one broken leg and I always seem to end up taking her to hospital," she said.

But I never worry. Our whole en's rugby - and she's doing what

How to handle the fictional violator: the writer of tomorrow's *EastEnders* relied on empathy

wathy felt James put his hand on her shoulder, then give her a quick squeeze. She shrugged him off but hand on her shoulder. he had his arms around her. She did not want to offend her boss by pushing him away too forcefully but when he kissed her, she ran for the door. Then he was on top of her, pushing up her skirt, and all she could feel was pain.

When Kathy Beale was raped in EastEnders three years ago, BBC1's Points Of View was inundated with letters complaining about the graphic portrayal of the violation. But just as many women wrote to the actress Gillian Taylforth thanking her for helping them to come to terms with their own rape.

Now EastEnders, not a programme which shies away from complicated issues (drugs, suicide, murder and Aids are everyday occurrences), is tackling the return of the rapist.

James Willmott-Brown, fresh from prison, has come back to haunt Kathy and in tomorrow's episode she decides to confront

In deference to the subject the producers have decided to make it into a "three-hander", where all the action is between three characters and takes place in one room. This device has been used before in the series: the last occasion was

"two-hander" when Sharon and Michelle, the daughter and former lover of "Dirty" Den respectively, met after his death. In tomorrow's episode Kathy,

the typically stoical EastEnders woman: James, the middle-class rapist who wears pink shirts and a Barbour, and Pete. Kathy's former husband, a good-natured, simple, fruit-and-veg stallholder, ail meet cach other round a table in a battle of nerves.

The effect is more like a scene from a Pinter play than life in a terraced house in Albert Square: there are endless pauses, dramatic

one-liners and macabre jokes. Sixteen men and 11 women are on the scriptwriting team for the programme, and this episode was written by Debbie Cook.

She does not think she was chosen because she is a woman. She relished the chance to get her teeth into another nitty-gritty portrayal of the grim facts of Albert Square life.

"I jumped at the chance to do a three-hander because of the rockbottom emotions involved." she

The husband, the wife and the rapist



Scriptwriter Debbie Cook: unlike Kathy in EastEnders, she managed to escape a would-be rapist

"As a woman I can probably understand Kathy's feelings of revulsion at being violated and her anger at being helpless while she is being abused but there are also two male characters in the scene and I can't just write them off because I am female.

"Anyway it was a male storyliner who thought up the whole confrontation in the beginning. He felt that Kathy should be allowed to get it off her mind and they chose a male director - so this is not just a female crusade."

Ms Cook does not believe in doing any research for her scripts. She wrote this one in three days, between endless cups of coffee, and burst into tears over her typewriter at the end.
"You can't really do research

her ex-husband?" would annihilate the rapist with a because everyone reacts different-

ly. All you can do is look at the characters and think how they will

"I know Kathy. I have lived with her for two years. I know what she puts on her face, what she eats for breakfast and what she thinks of the royal family. She's been raped twice, poor lamb. We have gone

through a lot together.

"Rape counsellors would have given me all this hype about postrape trauma but how often have they interviewed a woman like Kathy, who has had to confront her rapist in his house in front of

Ms Cook did ask various friends what they thought they would do if they found themselves in the same situation. Most said that they

Kathy uses a mixture of sarcasm, desperation and venom to portray her feelings and put down both her husband and the rapist. "Kathy is embattled, sensitive,

brave and up-front. She has spent her whole life caught in a relationship where there are dearly-defined roles and she was the submissive one. "It took the rape to pinpoint the

faisity of her life. In this scene she can come into her own. She is poised and dignified.

"I am a great admirer of Kathy." says Ms Cook. "I hope the episode will help other women to feel confident enough to stand up for themselves and take control." Ms Cook has been threatened with rape herself and tried to laugh it off like Kathy. She managed to get out of the situation

but not before she had felt totally When Kathy forces the rapist to

apologise, Ms Cook says she was silently cheering from the sidelines and feels that writing the script may have had a cathartic effect. So do Pete and James get an unnecessarily hard time? Pete is asked by the rapist whether he ever

stept with his wife against her will and Kathy tells Pete that their relationship was only based on sex. "I may have misjudged men's attitudes but I think when a man's wife is raped, his main feeling is proprietorial. The woman could be a dog or an orange but it is your property and this is how Pere has been feeling.

"Until now he is still taunting her for having brought it on herself. I'd like to think that he will now be capable of better attitudes when he realises what his wife has gone through."

Ms Cook turned down an offer to talk to rape offenders because she felt it would make her too angry to treat James sympathetically. "Every man, I talked to said they couldn't imagine want-ing to rape a woman but I can understand James. He is blinded by his passion, which gives his life a purpose and draws him back to Kathy. He doesn't care if it means going to prison.

"By the end I could sympathise with all of them and I hope the viewers will as well. The question is more than one of rape. It is about power, domination and fantasy and that can involve any class, race or sex."

Helen Greaves, the episode's producer, has no qualms about devoting the whole episode to the rape issue. Fifty-nine per cent of the audience are women, but she thinks the issue of rape is important to everyone. Even children can learn from the confrontation, she suggests, although she thinks they will probably find it quite boring.

"Lots of people have the desire to confront someone who has hurt them and Kathy gives them that opportunity." Ms Greaves says. "Debbie Cook was chosen because she handles those sort of

situations admirably.
"Every woman feels threatened or intimidated occasionally. I think men will be surprised at the complexities that Kathy goes through. It will make some men feel uncomfortable."

ALICE THOMSON

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Market to market

A "EUROPEAN Businesswoman of the '90s" workshop will be held next Thursday, February 20, at the Institute of Directors (IOD) in London. Leading businesswomen will be lecturing and chairing round-table discussions and workshops on all aspects of "marketing to the single European market". including linancial planning. The panel will include Moyra Bremner and Tina Knight, the managing director of Nighthawk Electronics. The £55 full-day workshop will include lunch and a cocktail reception hosted by the IOD. The day has been organised Bawe, The British Association of Women Entrepreneurs. Details/tickets from them at 33 Caithness Road, London W14 OJA (071-602 4656).

Chore cheer

ACCORDING to a report just produced by the Henley Centre for Forecasting, much coverage of "women's issues" and "their progress in society" has been unduly pessimistic. Those who feel they have been been banging their heads against a brick wall - or glass ceiling — in a furile attempt to ger ahead may take heart from the centre's prediction that "the immediate trend is towards -a growing role for women in society. Women are in a position to take the majority of new jobs created between 1990 and 1995, and are widening their access to higher education and job training." How will we manage this? Only if we are prepared to relinquish "our "central role inside the home", the Henley Centre suggests - and notes a trend that suggests we are Men, the report says, are now spending "on average four hours a

week more on domestic work than they did five years ago": at this rate, "by 2000 men will be doing over 45 per cent of essential shopping, everyday cooking and other household chores".

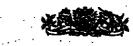
Get in there

IT'S A sign of the times that "How to sell yourself at interviews" courses have been doing so well at the City of London Polytechnic that they have been introduced for a second year. The first sessions for 1992 will take place on the evenings of February 25 and 26 (£75 for the two-evening course) and the course is "highly participative", according to the organisers. with lots of chance to practise interview skills — from both sides of the desk — and coaching on how to field awkward questions. Further details from Short Course Unit, City Poly, 84 Moorgate, London EC2 (071-256 8843).

Syndrome talk

THE Women's Nutritional Advisory Service (WNAS) has organised a conference on PMS (pre-menstrual syndrome) espe-cially for GPs, at the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology on April 27. The WNAS, a private organisation with clinics in London and Hove and a postal service, was founded eight years ago by the nutritionist Dr Maryon Stewart to give help to PMS sufferers. The clinics advise women on how to help themselves through PMS with diet and exercise, and estimate that 73 per cent of women of childbearing age are affected by it. Vitamin B6 and Efamol — evening primrose oil are among the suggested pallia-tives recommended by the advisory service. Further information can be obtained by sending a large sae to WNAS, PO Box 268, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 IRW.

VICTORIA McKEE



HEALTH ON FRIDAY

"Rachel has a secure relationship, a house, a career and herpes... Alice Thomson on life after herpes, on the Health page on Friday

Clare Longrigg reports on the latest stage of Dawn French's crusade against a "fattist" fashion industry

Very big in Camden

put my arm? It looks too modelly with my arm up." Dawn French calls from the set. She finds a pocket in the folds of the voluminous shirt and tries it out. "Now I look as if I've got no hands. What kind of morons spend all day doing

"You do, darling," some-one shouts. The camera flashes. "Someone taught me how to pose once," Ms French continues as the stylist brushes her hair into huge bouncing curls. She leans forward with one hard in orward with one hand in front of her, as though she were climbing on to a table.
"I've tried it in the street and it's never worked at all." The team of assistants, big and less big, wait on the sidelines shaking with giggles. She moves one tiny foot in front of the other. "This is my other position I can do." Dawn French is modelling

flowing olive green shirt and black trousers designed by Helen Teague, her partner in a company which makes and sells clothes for big women. They are preparing the spring catalogue of their shop, called 1647, which opened last year. The name refers to a statistic they say they discovered that 47 per cent of British women are size ló or over — a figure that, if accurate, has been wilfully ignored by most of the fashion industry.

Large women, who have suffered ritual humiliation in the fitting rooms of British boutiques and department stores, come from all over the United Kingdom to the shop in Camden, north London. and fall on Ms Teague's voluminous clothes with tears

of gratitude. All big women want, Ms French says, is to be able to go shopping. This does not seem an unreasonable demand. got blouses with a bowat the neck, you know, like Margaret Thatcher, because it's the only thing that would fit me. You see big women in smocky dresses or in orange velour because it's all they can

Ms Teague's clothes are not just big, they are loose and flowing but well cut, designed to make big women feel comfortable — there is no question of building in inches of seam to let out. She uses fine fabrics, particularly silk and jersey, which are cool to wear, because "big women

sweat" Ms French says. The shop, too, is designed for comfort: the blind is discreetly drawn; there is a

sofa, cups of coffee; the first

thing you see is a big bowl of chocolates. It has the atmosphere of a salon; appointments (which are encouraged) are two hours long, but some clients stay all day, and try on every single item in the

shop.
The seamstresses are big girls there are big girls in the shop." Ms French says. "Big women don't want to be served by stick insects." The last phrase comes out with unexpected venom. "Women have felt bullied and uncom-

fortable for so long."

And Ms Teague is very good about sizes. "We start at size 16 but the sizes are Small. Medium and Large. It does people good to walk into a place for the first time in their lives and say, 'I think I'll have

"Our clothes are safe. They're not trendy. You're not going to look foolish."

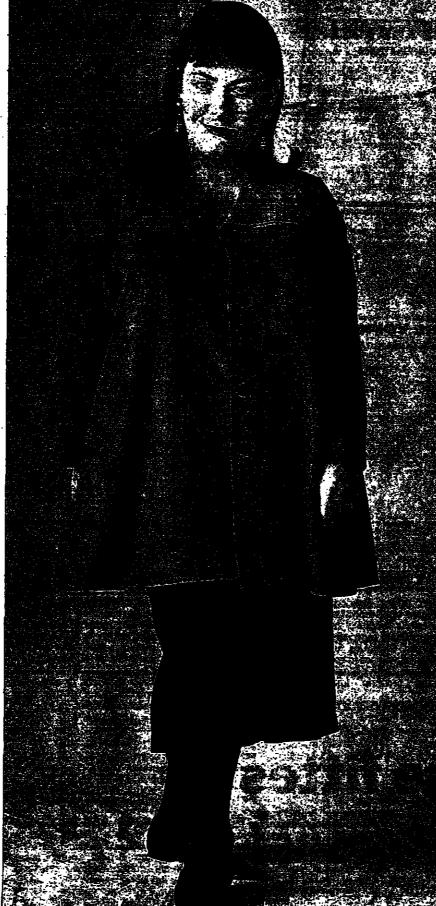
his is all very anti-fashion: but Ms French, not much above 5ft 2in and something around size 16, has always found the industry "preposterous". She appears in an elegant white suit made of rough silk: she snarts, pushing out her lips: "That's what they look like in Vogue. now I don't think that's a nice way to sell clothes," she says in a nice voice.

The next item is a damson suit and tie; the jacket has a rounded front, something like a summer pudding, and hangs in waves over the trousers. Every outfit features generous curves; there are no sharp edges in evidence, nothing to offend or unnerve. "I want some éclairs." Ms French calls out from the soft

pool of light.
I find it utterly pretentious standing in front of a stills camera, she says afterwards. "For those top models, the idea is to look fierce. Our clothes are about feeling thing loose you can think, 'I'll have another chocolate and it won't matter'."

The shop has been a resounding success. "We need to get a bigger shop. It's much too small — to get three big women in a small shop is quite a feat," Ms French says. But they are not taking any chances with losing customers: the plan is to open a restaurant in the shop: not a carrot juice bar, but a temple

of guilt-free consumption. So is this the beginning of an anti-fattist revolution? More worden are making it big: Roseanne Barr has her own television show; Jo Brand includes fattist jokes in her comedy routine: Oprah









About the size of it. Dawn French models her partner Helen Teague's clothes. Women who visit their shop sometimes try every single thing on, finding time to eat chocolates, too

Winfrey is a household name on both sides of the Atlantic. But all these fat women are funny. Maybe they're a laughing stock. Ms French is: big, but perhaps not big enough to break the mould: I have never written myself a fat role, but scripts come through the door with fat girl

parts for me.
"It may be that things are changing, slowly. Marks & Spencer have started doing a size 20, and the other day I came across something called the Plus Size model agency, which has models who are size 14. Fourteen. We go up to

47. The bigger the better as far as I'm concerned."

The studio is cleared, leaving only a smattering of Polaroids pinned up on the wall. These are from another shoot: a book of jumpers modelled by Ms French and Sharon Henry, her sister-in-law, who is about twice her size. The jumpers are in bright colours with bold designs; the image is very assertive, very strong. "I'm on the side of the sassy big girls who are happy to be big." Ms French says. On my way out.

l accept a chocolate éclair.

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Taking the rearing view

hen Kathy Gyngell was sitting her Cambridge degree in the dawn of the women's movement, she swore never to end up like her mother, a clergyman's wife who devoted herself to raising three daughters only to see her life fall apart as they flew the nest.

"I grew up thinking what an awful lot it was being a wife and mother; used, abused and sat upon." Instead, Mrs Gyngell went the way of other bright girls in the 1970s, pursuing a television career that barely skipped a beat when she had her first baby five years ago.

Standing at the photocopier in the offices of TV-am nine weeks after the birth, she was incensed when a male colleague told her she should be home looking after the baby. "I thought, what does he know about it?"

She had a nanny at home, a programme of her own in the studio and best of all, a boss, Bruce Gyngell, the chairman of TV-am, who was also her husband and only too willing to arrange flexible hours around the baby's routine. So it is all the more unlikely that Mrs

Gyngell should have evolved into the leader of a campaign set up just over a year ago called Full Time Mothers. It aims to get official recognition of women's "nurturing" role, via tax breaks, that will make it financially viable for a mother to stay at home and rear her child. "Most mothers would like

to," Mrs Gyngell believes, "but they keep it under their hats; you're conditioned to promote your career because motherhood has no status at all in the present climate.

"it took me a year after Adam was born to give in to the pangs of anxiety that bothered me daily from the minute I went back to work." Her job as the editor of After Nine, a magazine pro-

gramme for women, went and so did her part-time job producing the Frost on Sunday show. "because the reality was that my researcher was doing all the work. I was coming in late, going home **Full Time Mothers**

wants tax breaks

for women at home

early and by the end of the run I knew I was lying to other people and lying to myself about wanting to have it all." She admits she speaks from a position of privilege: "I had no financial worries and absolute choice. Bruce is very much

in favour of working mothers and would have bent over backwards to accommodate my career. He'd have paid for three nannies to keep me going. But Full Time Mothers is not just for the middle classes, she insists. "Our members — we've amassed 300 — come

from council estates as well as manor houses: they're secretaries, nurses, shift. workers in factories, many who are forced into very unsatisfactory childcare arrangements. "I'm campaigning on behalf of moth-

ers for whom the kind of tax reforms we're after — like a transferable personal allowance for a non-working wife and personal allowances for children themselves -- could put £3.300 a year in their pockets. For many, that's no less than what they have left now after getting to work, paying for hunch and childcare. And it may cost the government no more

Bright spark: Kathy Gyngell with Adam (left) and Jamie

than giving tax breaks for nurseries." The precept of her campaign is that no paid child care worker can substitute for a parent, but she is in favour of recruiting family if a double income is paramount "They have an interest in the child that can't be replicated by paid staff. The next best thing is flexible working hours for women, including retraining course timerables."

She is aware that some brand her group as reactionary. She says she was "put up to" forming it by Brian Griffiths, formerly the head of Margaret Thatcher's policy unit and now the head of the Schools Examinations Assessment Council, and Valerie Riches of Family and Youth Concern, a conservative pressure group. "I saw her on television and was struck to hear her ask: What about the children? - a question almost nobody articulates.

"I called her up and she introduced me to Frances Savin, a BSc with seven children who had an organisation called Women at Home. She, Rachel Griffiths [married to Brian Griffiths] and a couple of others are the core group: one works

"But we're not associated with Family and Youth Concern and we're certainly not reactionary, though I'm aware our views are politically incorrect for the times. We share a certain amount of ground with the Working common

Mothers' Association lan action group for mothers who work outside the home] — the need for flexible hours,-for example." She says she wishes more

women could believe they

could still fly high after taking a ten or 15 year career break. Her mother studied for an external degree in middle age and put herself on the market at 55. "By the time she was 61 she was co-principal of a language school. But it was a banle. No woman should be penalised for taking the time

raise a family."

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This cloud has a silver lining

Peter Bowman sees a bright future for the gloom-laden national dailies

ontrol of the national television station was the focus of the Romanian up-rising in 1989. Last year, the Gulf war and the attempted Moscow coup saw Sky News and especially CNN almost set the news agenda.

Link these events with the current circulation falls suffered by nearly all national daily newspapers, and a gloomy picture emerges: what used to be called Fleet Street seems to be withering away under the onslaught of the electronic news media and public indifference. Despite these omens, newspapers have cause to be optimistic, though not complacent.

The size and structure of the national newspaper mar-ket has hardly changed for 30 years. Promotions, games and especially increases in cover prices induce shortterm fluctuations, and prospects can look more or less positive depending on your starting point.

But the last six months of 1991 saw the combined sales of the 11 national papers drop by 5 per cent, from 14.3 million in 1990 to 13.6 million, the largest drop for six years (although last year saw The Daily Sport, which is not included in the Audit Bureau of Circulations data, begin to sell around 200,000 copies a day).

In the decade since 1981 (a year that saw the tabloids at their bingo zenith) sales have dropped 11 per cent from a peak of 15.3 million (see chart). The decline is by no means uniform. If the first half of the 1980s belonged to the tabloids, the second half saw the quality papers (in-

trong sales depend on a

strong product, whatever the demographic, economic or social trends, and no matter how

great the competition from other

media, editors and circulation man-

agers of regional newspapers were told at a Newspaper Society sales

For years, regional and local papers have blamed their declining fortunes — a 23 per cent drop in

sales since 1975 — on competition from freesheets and local broadcast

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duding The Times) flourish, increasing their total sales over the decade by 12 per cent and their share of all sales from 15 per cent to 19 per cent.

Apart from the recent decline in overall sales, what are the perceived problems? To a large extent they concern a new generation of readers. On an average day, the proportion of the adult population reading (as apart from buying) any national paper has dropped faster than total sales, especially among the young. At the start of the 1980s threequarters of under-25s would be reading national newspapers on any one day; now it is barely 60 per cent. The decline is almost as bad among the 25-44 age group. Sales have remained static despite an increasing number of house-holds, which suggests that some young households may

The second potential problem (see chart, right) is that as the population ages and moves slightly up the social scale, so too does the readership of national dailies. In most cases, readership is ageing faster than the national trend, a fact partly explained by the arrival of The Independent and Today with a rather younger appeal.

have lost what is still a regular

habit among their elders.

Attitudes to newspapers are third area of concern. The British Market Research Bureau's target group index survey finds that only four out of ten adults now rely on newspapers to keep them-selves "informed of what's going on", a score down points in as many years. How does the optimist respond in the face of such

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trends? Although cover prices have been kept down in real terms, the current dip in sales is probably recession-related: as personal incomes revive, so too will the broad circulation stability of national dailies, especially as an expected upswing in advertising revenue will ease future pressure to

raise cover prices. Readers will not give up deeply in-grained habits because of media competition, especially if the press continues to adapt. Readers will not make a stark choice between one information medium and

The proportion claiming to

rely on television for news has not grown recently, and remains at about 45 per cent. Newspaper circulations boomed during last year's wars and coups, and will do so again during the election campaign. Even though average read-

ership has dropped, the Nat-

ional Readership Survey (the advertiser's bible) shows that only one in ten Britons never reads dailies, a figure that is not growing. Readers now probably concentrate on the merits of selected days rather than "average" days as each paper customises its daily package — Monday sports sections or weekend television listings pullouts. The re-launch of Saturday editions as "weekend" papers, turning below-average Saturday sales into above-average figures, is an example of newspapers combining marketing skills and production flexibility.

Interviews my agency has carried out with readers indicate that although recent innovations (such as more sections and colour) are not responses to urgent reader needs, such changes and a move from pure news to "review" editorial do reflect a competitive response to the new environment.

e can expect to see editors concentrating on the editorial needs of their readers, and a blurring of the segmentation among quality, mid-market and popular papers. Editors can develop strategies without having to worry about the competition from news magazines, sports titles and tele-vision listings magazines that might have harapered the development of big newspapers on the Continent.

Finally, and paradoxically. national papers may be better editorial products because they are now owned and run by businessmen rather than the old editorial magnates. Marketing imperatives should ensure that today's problems are addressed.

Peter Bowman is media research director of advertising agency WCRS

Tory devolutionaries lean on Lang

Vanishing act for Glasgow

A Scottish daily has been busy name-dropping, reports Hugh Thompsøn

ne of the oldest news-paper titles in Britain has been consigned to the dustbin. After 209 years. The Glasgow Herald has become simply The Her-

The move is part of the drive by Liam Kane, the new managing director of Outram Press, to turn his flagship from being the first among Scotland's four quali-ty titles into the country's first national newspaper. Not least in the eyes of the

"On our masthead Glasgow has been gening smaller. We also want to tidy up the masthead as part of the general redesign. We outsell The Scotsman, our main rival, by 120,000 to 85,000. but there is still a feeling among some potential readers, and more importantly London ad agencies, that it is they, not us, who are the national quality north of the border. We outsell The Scotsman everywhere except for Edinburgh."

In order to ram home this message, an unprecedented £1.5 million will be spent over six months with a 60-second commercial on STV and Grampian, and sales teams have been sent to Edinburgh, The Scotsman's heardand.

The Herald's editor. Ar-nold Kemp, says: "In a de-sign-conscious and competi-tive world you must continually find new ways of shouting at the public. Changing our name was all part of a more flexible and modern design of the paper. "Of course the readers

don't like change and in

two complaints. But we can-not ignore the fact that most of our sales increases come from outside the city.

I believe that all change in the newspaper should be considered and where possible done all at once. So new title, typeface, design and sections came together. We grasped the nettle. I have been quite encouraged by the response."

The floating reader in Aberdeen may well be im-pressed with the new-look Herald, but the strength of the Scottish quality papers derives not only from a regional bias in reporting but from the all-important classified sections, particularly in jobs and houses.

Mr Kane admits to revising his ratecard: although the volume of advertisements was up an impressive 30 per cent in 1991, the value was up only 10 per cent, to £26.4 million. A key part of the strategy is to retain the large readership that buys The Herald on Fridays when it has 15 to 20 pages of jobs.

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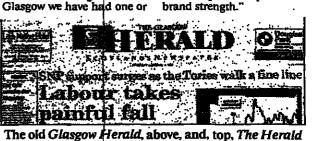
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The Scottish media had a very good advertising year in 1991. As only 50 per cent of Scots are owner-occupiers and houses are cheaper too. Scotland has escaped the great mortgage-repossession dampener on spending.

As a result, national advertisers have switched more of their budgets north of the border. This has forced up the price of STV air-time, which in turn has made the Scottish daily papers more attractive.

So what do the London agencies think of the new Herald? Media planning director at BMP, Ivan Pollard. says: "I am surprised that we are meant to be a main target because no one has come to tell us about this. But we know all about The Herald: it's already our number one

paper in Scotland.
"Newspaper names and designs are all about brands. At first readers reject change but if they are genuine improvements they become part of the brand strength."



Revival of the fittest

uct. Value for money is extremely important and that requires substantial, long-term invest-

substantial, long-term invest-ment." he said.

Successful local papers tend to print six to eight editions, "editionising" most pages, while under-performers print just one to five and change only the front page from edition to edition. Successful papers are thicker, use more colour, have a more modern design, run more stories, print more supplements, and publish national and style and more issue-oriented stories.

Advertising, promotion canvassing have negligible impact on long-term sales, Mr Darton said. Many under-performers advertise a lot, while many of the industry's success stories tend to promote themselves sparingly, advertising Local papers can halt the sales

slide, reports Melinda Wittstock

only specific scoops and specials. Weaker papers tend also to boast that they are "campaigning" papers while the more successful they are responding on a daily basis to issues of importance within the nmunity, he said.

Whatever their current circumstances, the regional press must find ways to woo back younger readers if the overall circulation slide is to be averted. John Aldridge, the Newspaper Society's overwhelmingly regard the regional press as "grey and boring and middle aged". To cater for the 13 to 33-year-

olds regional papers must update their design, let the young write for the young carry more campaigning journalism and leisure features, and sectionalise the newspaper to ensure older readers are not alienated, said George Kelly, a former teacher who now runs the society's Newspaper in Education (NiE)

NiE had a dramatic impact on the fortunes of The Sunderland Echo. After working with young people for several years it suc-ceeded in winning 70 per cent of local 15- to 24-year-olds as new readers. "This is now their largest readership by a clear 4 per cent," Mr Aldridge said.

"If you haven't got an NiE coordinator in your office, working flat out with close contact with his or her editor, then your newspaper is not taking long-term sales seri-

He also called on the regional press to make a greater effort to combat illiteracy, which affects 5.5 million British adults. Local 5.5 million British adults. Local papers could provide a room for a few hours each week where adults could learn to read. "We simply have to fight everything that prevents people reading," he said.
"In the end it's the product that matters. We won't sell it unless its contents are local and enjoyed.

contents are local and unique. unless their presentation is familand not revolutionary. The local newspaper has to be seen to be involved in community matters and to be a voice for its communities... it means real community news, it means expensive journalists on site ... just to stand still it means we have to have colour . . . there is so much to be done."

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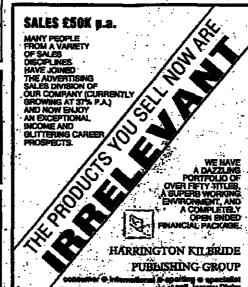
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£128,100. A buyer in 1981 might have borrowed 70 per cent of the house's cost by taking out an endowment mortgage with a deposit of £21,570. Allowing for the mortgage, maintenance and insurance costs, he or she would now have a profit of £96,305,

simply by watching the wallpaper. The tenant of a house of equivalent value would have spent £104,502 on rent. If he had invested £21,570, the sum the buyer used as his deposit, in a building society, his savings account today would have grown by £25.012. The cost of renting would therefore be £79,490, and leave him with no invest-

ment profit. The same sum invested in a British unit trust fund would

Rachel Kelly examines the

best home for

investment cash

Outside London, there is less to be made by buying.
In Edinburgh, where the same house would have cost

£36,900, and the average deposit would have been Ell.070, the buyer would have a profit of E32,712 after A tenant would face a loss

of £29,353 if he had-invested the deposit money in a building society, or a profit of £2,699 if he had chosen a British unit trust. It is easy to comment on the past ten years, but what of the

next ten? To buy or to rent, that is the question. The answer, says John Wriglesworth, Phillips & Drew housing analyst, is that in future it will be harder to decide which makes better

financial sense. "I think it will be a much

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pattern for the next ten years is going to be much more like it is in Edinburgh. I do not think we will ever see such a boom in house prices again."

House prices will not pick up until 1994, he says. His advice is to rent if there is no need to buy. "If you are not have grown by £88,374. about to get married and Renting would have cost have children, the answer is £16,128. that you should rent."

Chris Wermann, of the Woolwich, agrees that there are advantages to renting rather than buying. "Mainte-nance, buildings and con-tents insurance, service charges and water rates are normally paid by the landlord," he says.

move into their homes within a fortnight, whereas buying can take up to two months, Mr Wermann explains. "In a rising property market," he adds, "tenants lose, but when values are stationary or falling, as they are at the moment, they are not missing anything. In the long term, renting is more expensive but in the short term it can be cheaper.' At present, rents are more The Woolwich estimates

Profit minus costs Profit minus renting & original

Profit minus costs £32,712

ago, says Mr Wermann. because more people are letting rather than selling. "However, with the house market bottoming out, it is a good idea to take advantage of low house prices," he says.

Value of the house 2200,000

Original capital invested in the house

in any part of the country over the next ten years is unlikely to be much more than inflation. Mr Wermann says: "The

real benefits of owning a property are the build-up of

that the future return on

1991 Value of Investment £23,905

Profit minus

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equity, which could be used investment for house buyers for a home in retirement or for passing on in your will. The value of a unit trust can go up or down. So can a house, but you still need somewhere to live."

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Value of investment £55,957

costs £2,699

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Alresford House, in Old Winchester, which was remodelled by Admiral Lord Rodney in the 18th century, is for sale at £800,000, a drop of £450,000 since last soring.

The agents say the house needs about £100,000 for restoration but its rarity makes it a good buy. Hume Jones, of the agent, James Harris, says: "This is an unspoilt property, which has been used as a family home for generations."

Rural gem

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20 miles from Lincoln, and it needs about £7,000 spent on it. William H. Brown. the agent, says the house could receive an improve-Alresford village, near ment grant. "It really is a

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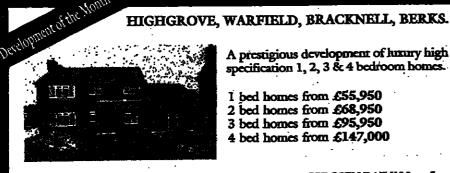
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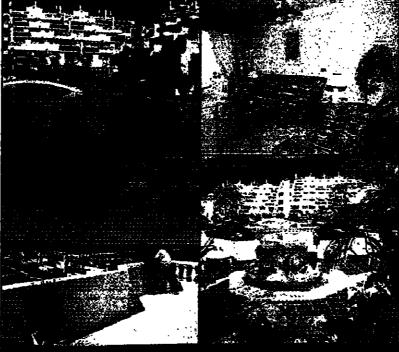
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Lenders' favourites

general election for the property market would be a hung Parliament, says a survey of 51 lenders by Chesterton Financial, a London consultancy, and Thames Polytechnic. A Labour victory would be little better, so lenders are hoping for another Conservative government to boost the market.

Banks and financial institutions were most pessimistic about a hung parliament, as 58 per cent expect the property slump would then worsen and only 5 per cent believe it might improve.

Under Labour, 41 per cent believe, the market would deteriorate, while 23 per cent think it would improve. By contrast, 48 per cent expect market prospects would improve under the Conservatives, 48 per cent believe there remains the favourite, up from 47

Financial institutions fear a hung Parliament and favour a Tory poll victory. Christopher Warman reports

This is the third annual survey of

the views of banks and financial institutions. The sample comprised British banks (33 per cent) North American (24 per cent). European (24 per cent), Japanese (8 per cent). Middle Eastern (3 per cent) and others (8 per cent).

Among the most dramatic changes since the last survey is the reduced number that expect the residential sector to lead a property recovery, down from 47 per cent in 1991 to 3 per cent. Retail

would be no change, and 4 per to 61 per cent; and industrials show the greatest improvement. From 2 to 33 per cent.

The lenders, asked whether, with hindsight, their approach would have been different, said they would have concentrated more on cash flow, restricted the percentage lent against value and avoided speculative development. Half the respondents believe the Bank of England should have controlled lending more strictly.

Chesterton says: "We believe that we are now seeing the beginning of a more mature debt market, with experienced lenders

prepared to lend only on 'sound' projects. Most lenders are keen to provide finance on quality investment property but, due to the lack of supply, competition has begun to force margins down.

Once the economy improves, we expect a more relaxed debt market to prevail but, for the present, cautious lenders are waiting for real signs of recovery."

A third of the respondents are more cautious about lending than six months ago, giving some cause for optimism.

Interest in locations for investment is fairly evenly spread, but for development a higher proportion (41 per cent) chose central London, a favourite of Japanese banks. The southeast was preferred by 72 per cent for development and 60 per cent for



British Aviation Insurance Group has become the first tenant of Fitzwilliam House at St Mary Are in the City of London, taking 23,000 sq ft of Universities Superannuation Scheme's new development at a rent of more than £40 a sq ft. The letting, which includes a rent-free period, leaves 62,000 sq ft available. David Scott, the developer's deputy surveyor, says the quality of Fitzwilliam House and its position, virtually opposite the Lloyd's building, has attracted considerable interest. The joint agents are Herring Baker Harris and Lambert Smith Hampton

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Rents down

LYNTON has reduced the rent on its development at Carriage Row, Euston, London, from £29.50 a sq ft to £22.50. The scheme, providing 103,500 sq ft of offices, has involved the refurbishment of the original Victorian building. Howard Morgan, a Lynton director. says the rent has been reduced to reflect market conditions. He says: "Although we firmly believe Car-riage Row is one of the finest office buildings available in this part of London, we are determined to remain competitive."

Green test for Broadcasting House

PROMINENT buildings ranging from Broadcasting House to the NatWest tower could soon be assessed for their environmental sensitivity and emission of green-house gases. The Building Re-search Establishment's new environmental assessment method (BREEAM) for existing office buildings will be used.

The introduction of existing office buildings to the scheme

follows the launch of BREEAM in 1990 for new offices and in 1991 for new houses, superstores and supermarkets. This latest scheme is being developed by the Building Research Establishment with the ECD Partnership, sponsored by Barclays, Lloyds and National Westminster Banks, the BBC. Cable and Wireless and Jones Lang Wootton.

The new offices scheme alone.

has involved the assessment of 9 million sq ft of space, and in its first year more than 25 per cent of new office space was assessed. The assessment covers design aspects affecting the global, local and indoor environments, including carbon dioxide pollution.

On a discordant note, Martin Wade, the president of the quantisurveyors' division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, says in a report that Britain's tax system discourages environmentally efficient building because tax allowances apply mainly to maintenance, not construction. He says the financial incentive is to build cheaply, producing buildings that are energy-ineffi-

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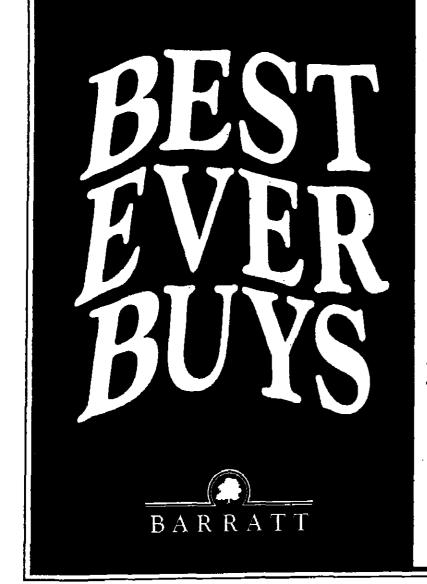


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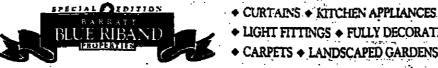
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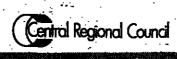
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Court of Appeal

Stricter safeguards required

Ltd v Hibben and Others Before Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor

Dudgment February 51 There should be stricter safe-Piller (search and seize) orders to protect the rights of defendants. The Vice-Chancellor so ob-

served in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division substanrially refusing damages to Universal Thermosensors Ltd in its action against Mavis Hibben. Michael Baldock, Rita Lawrence, Thermo Probes Ltd. GH Emco Engineering Ltd and Peter Roy Bayliss and in awarding £20,000 to the first four defendants against the plaintiff on its undertaking in damages given on the grant of an Anton Piller order by

Mr Justice Millett. At an early stage in the action the plaintiffs discontinued proceedings against the fifth and sixth defendants. The plaintiff's solicitors instructed solicitors and counsel to represent them in elation to their part in executing

the Anton Piller order. Mr Colin Ross-Munro, QC and Miss Monica Carss-Frisk for the plaintiffs; Mr Peter Prescott, QC and Mr Mark Plans-Mills for the defendants; Mr Daniel Serota, QC and Mr Antony Sendall for Thomson Snell & Passmore.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the case illustrated both the virtues and vices of Anton

Piller orders.

The virtue was that the plaintiff was enabled to recover items and documents, which, he strongly suspected, would never have seen the light of day if less Draconian steps, such as an order for delivery up of all documents containing nfidential information regarding the plaintiff's customer contacts, had been the limit of the relief granted to the plaintiff. In all probability, incriminating evi-

have been destroyed. But that result was achieved at a high price. His Lordship drew attention to certain points in the hope that those problems would

not arise again. The Anton Piller procedure lent itself all too readily to abuse. That had been highlighted more than once see Mr Justice Scott in Columbia Picture Industries Inc v Robinson ([1987] Ch 38) and Mr Justice Hoffmann in Lock International plc v Beswick ([1989] 1

His Lordship's impression was that those warning signals had been heeded, and that Anton Piller orders were, rightly, made much more sparingly than pre-viously. But from what had occurred in the present case, the following points might be noted: 1 Anton Piller orders normally contained a term that before complying with the order the defendant could obtain legal ad-vice, provided that was done forthwith. That was an important safe-guard for defendants, not least because Anton Piller orders tended to be long and com-plicated and many defendants could not be expected to under-stand much of what they were told by the solicitor serving the order. But such a term, if it was to be of use, required that in general use, required that in general Anton Piller orders should be permitted to be executed only on

to be available. In the present case, Mrs Hibben was alone in her house, with her children in bed. She was brought to the door in her night attire at 7.15am and told by a stranger knocking on the door that he had a court order requir-ing her to permit him to enter, that she could take legal advice forthwith, but otherwise she was

not permitted to speak to anyone.

But how could she get legal
advice at that time in the morning? She rang her solicitor's office but there was no response. 2 There was a further feature of

that situation which should never be allowed to occur again. If the order was to be executed at a private house, and it was at all likely that a woman might be in the house alone, the solicitor serving the order had to be or be

accompanied by a woman.

A woman should not be subjected to the alarm of being confronted without warning by a solitary strange man, with no recognisable means of identification, waving some unfamiliar papers and claiming an entitlement to enter her house and, what is more telling her she was not allowed to get in touch with anyone, except a lawyer, about

what was happening. 3 In the present case a dispute arose about which documents were taken away and from which

In the present case that injunc-tion was expressed to last for a whole week. That was far too long.

Something probably went away with the drawing of the order.

5 In the present case, there was no officer or employee of the defendant companies present when their offices and workshops were searched and documents and components taken away. That was intolerable.
Orders should provide that,

unless there was good reason for doing otherwise, the order should working days in office hours, when a solicitor could be expected not be executed at business premises save in the presence of a responsible officer or repre-sentative of the company or trader

6 The making of an Anton Piller order in the instant case could be seen to be justified by what was discovered. But it was important not to lose sight of the fact that one thing which happened was that the director of the plaintiff company carried out a thorough search of all the documents of a

competitor company. That was most unsatisfactory. When Anton Piller orders were nade in such cases consideration should be given to devising some means, appropriate to the facts of the case, by which that situation could be avoided.

7 Anton Piller orders invariably provided for service to be effected by a solicitor. The court relied wily on the solicitor, as an officer of the court, to see that the order was properly executed.

Unhappily, the present and other cases showed that that safeguard was inadequate.

The solicitor might be young

and have little or no experience of Anton Piller orders. Frequently, he was the solicitor acting for the plaintiff in the action, and however diligent and fair minded he might be, he was not the right person to be given a task which to some extent involved protecting the interests of the defendant.

The way ahead His Lordship thought there was

(d) that a copy of the report should be served on the defen-

the next few days the plaintiff had to return to the court and present that report at an inter partes hearing, preferably to the judge who made the order.

As to (b), there were advantages in the plaintiff being required to include in his evidence, put to the judge in support of his application for an Anton Piller order, details of the name of the solicitor and of his experience. Of course that procedure would

add considerably to the cost of executing an Anton Piller order. The plaintiff would have to be The plaintif would have to be responsible for paying the fees of the solicitor in question, without prejudice to a decision by the court on whether ultimately those costs should be borne in whole or in part by the defendants.

But it should be appreciated, and it was certainly his Lordship's view, that in suitable and strictly limited cases. Anton Piller orden furnished courts with a valuable aid in their efforts to do iustice petween two parties. That was especially so in blatant cases of

It was therefore important that such orders should not be allowed to fall into disrepute. If further steps were necessary to prevent that happening, they should be If plaintiffs wished to take

advantage of that truly Draco-nian type of order, they had to be prepared to pay for the safeguards which experience had shown were necessary if the interests of defendants were fairly to be protected. Solicitors: Park Nelson for

Thomson Snell & Passmore, Tonbridge: Herbert Smith; Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave.

Secretary of State for the Environment and Another v Cambridge City Council Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Beldam and Lord

Justice Nolan [Judgment February 5] The demolition of houses in order to use the site for providing car parking and enhancing the visual aspect of nearby development by high quality landscaping did not constitute "development" within the meaning of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and

its predecessore The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal by the Secretary of State for the Environment and Milton Park Investments Ltd from a decision of Mr David Widdicombe QC who, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, had allowed an appeal by Cambridge City Coun-cil from an inspector's order quashing two enforcement notices served by the council.

Mr Gerald Moriarty, QC and Mr Michael Kent for the sec-retary of state; Lord Silsoe, QC and Mr Robert McCracken for Milton Park; Mr Robert Carnwath, QC and Mr Chris-topher Lewsley for the council.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that Milton Park was engaged in the dev-elopment of offices known as the Westbrook Centre, Milton Road, Cambridge. They purchased two semi-detached houses, 21 and 23 Milton Road, with the intention of demolishing them and, on the cleared site, providing additional car parking and enhancing the visual aspect of the development by high quality landscaping.

Giving contemnor

months for contempt of court for his failure to comply with the terms of an ex parte injunction obtained by the plaintiff, Clifford

no doubt a mitigation was not made because of the clear evidence of the judge's attitude as the

carried out, including the removal of damaged slates from the roofs and the removal of certain equip

ment from the interior. The council then served two enforcement notices in respect of the houses, alleging the demo-lition of part of the premises without having previously ob tained planning permission. Mil-ton Park appealed to the secretary of state. The argument on the appeal and at all stages centred on the ground that the matters alleged as a breach of planning control did not constitute or

involve development.
His Lordship set out sections
22(1) and 290(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, now respectively sections 55(1) and 336(1) of the 1990 Act, which together with the decisions in Marks & Spencer Ltd v LCC Marks O Spencer Lta V LCC [1953] AC 535). Coleshill & District Investment Co Ltd v Minister of Housing and Local Government [1969] 1 WLR 746) and Iddenden v Secretary of State for the Environment ([1972] 1 WLR 1433) established the

following propositions:
(a) Works of demolition of a building might, but did not necessarily or inevitably con-stitute "development" within the meaning of section 55 of the 1990

(b) Such works constituted "development" if, but only if, they were properly to be regarded as within the definitions in the Act of "building operations", "engineering operations" and "other opera-tions . . . on . . . land." (c) Demolition works might be

building operations if they were part of "structural alterations of ... buildings". In such a case the demolition would inevitably be partial only.

(d) Demolition works of a particular type or scale might be

(i) Whether particular works of demolition constituted devdopment within the statutory definition had to be decided in

Demolition not development relation to those works, and not other projected works to which the change of use which would conother projected works to which the demolition was a preliminary. The issue which it was nec-

essary for the court to consider

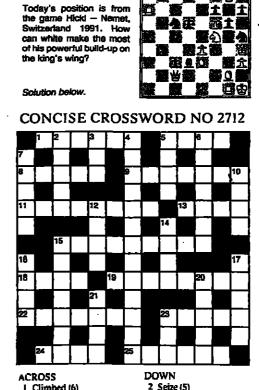
lition carried out were "other operations...on...land" Applying the principles at (g). (h) and (i), his Lordship concluded that demolition of itself was not an "other operation" within the "other operation " with meaning of section 55(1).

The fact that when the demolirion was complete it would or

stitute development within the statutory definition did not alter that conclusion. Accordingly, the demolition works at 21 and 23

Milton Road were not "other operations" within section 55(1). Lord Justice Beldam agreed and Lord Justice Nolan delivered

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(i) Whether works of demolition away as quickly as possible so as to 3 Set down (3) 5 Tooth point (4) minimise the risk of 4 Edward VIII (4,2,7) Taylor, at Leicester County Court on April 29, ordering him to 8 Droll (5) were within any of those cate-gories of development was a Taylor v Persico confrontation. making Anton Piller orders 5 Horselly (4) 9 Retaining (7) judges should give serious consid-6 Frame of mind (7) Nevertheless, in general Anton return certain items that had been Where a person accused of conquestion of fact for the decision 11 Grip (8) Piller orders should expressly provide that, unless it was serieration to the desirability of taken from the plaintiff's 13 Carpenter's grip (4) 7 Quick twist (5) rempt of court was liable to providing, by suitable undertak-10 Scottish valley (4) mprisonment, the judge should (g) The definition of dev-15 Martinique to Grena-12 Küchen basin (4) nes and otherwise: ously impracticable, a list of items afford the alleged contemnor, whether he was legally repreelopment did not comprehend (a) that the order should be dines (9) being removed should be pre-14 New Orleans jazz (4) LORD JUSTICE PARKER every operation on land. Thus pared at the premises before they served, and its execution should 15 Referee's signal (7) sented or not, a proper opportusaid that it was plain from the evidence that the judge proceeded to impose imprisonment without "other operations ... on ... land" in the definition in section 55(1) be supervised, by a solicitor other 19 Uneatable (8) were removed and that the defen-16 Rugby hooker support (4) nity to mitigate, especially where the judge had indicated that he 22 Deserving sympathy (7) than a member of the firm of dant should be given an opportu-17 Adolescence (5) did not mean all other operations. solicitors acting for the plaintiff in 23 Cables tower (5) nity to check it. 20 Nonsense (S) was refuctant to consider any (h) "Other operations" in that investigating a matter he rec-24 Necklace part (4) 21 James -, 007 (4) entence other than immediate ognised the defendant would be (b) that he or she should be an definition were operations which. 4 Anton Piller orders frequently 25 Betrayed trust (6) 23 Mine (3) imprisonment. experienced solicitor having some familiarity with the workings of reluctant to disclose, an allegation while not of one genus comprising contained an injunction restrainthat he had removed the vehicles. on the basis of self-incrimination. ing those on whom they were served from informing others of The Court of Appeal (Lord also building and engineering SOLUTION TO NO 2711 operations, nevertheless "must at Justice Parker, Lord Justice Stocker and Sir David Croom-Anton Piller orders and with Although it was submitted that the existence of the order for a indicial observations on the sub-Johnson) so held on January 27 the appellant was represented, as ject, for example, as summarised in the notes to Order 29, rule 3 of ter, leading to an identifiable and limited period. That was to preopposed to the situation in Shorepositive result, or be "similar to when allowing the appeal of Joe Persico against the order of Judge vent one defendant from alerting the Rules of the Supreme Court;
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8.00 Breakfast News (2505657) 8.15 Westminster (9520541)

9.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes 2.00 News and weather (10558270) followed by You and Me (r) (74100386) 2.15 Bitten by the Bug. Professor Erik Holm continues his exploration of the insect world with a look at how certain species look after their offspring (74180522) 2.30 Reviving Antiques. How to clean an antique piece made of niore than one material (2857541) 2.35 Country File reports on the shrinking

tenlands of Britain (4080812)

News and weather (8944725) followed by Westminster Live, introduced by Vivian White (6763562) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (7729454)



Presenting the daily game for wordsmiths: Paul Coia (4.00pm) 4.00 Catchword. Another round of the game for wordsmiths, presented

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4.30 Wildlife Germs. Film of high-rise cacti, seabirds in the desert and and flowers blooming in wasteland (r) (676)
5.00 Made By Hand. The skills of a paper maker (r) (7727034) 5.10 Hortzon: T Rex Exposed (r). (Ceetax) (s) (3699928)
6.00 Olympics Today. Highlights of the fifth day (48947)
7.30 DEF It: Reportage. A look at race relations in the United States and Europe followed by a studio discussion on whether Britain has the best race relations in the west (251831)
8.10 Timewatch: The Man Who Made the Supergun.

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When this film was first shown a year ago the story of the trace supergun was a subject tom from the headlines. Now it fits happing into the normal Timewatch brief which has more to do with the past than the present. Peter Taylor tells the story of Dr Gerald Bull, scientist, businessman and inventor. When Bull was assessinated in Brussels in March 1990 the incident was barely reported. A few weeks later, as details of the supergun emerged in Britain Germany and Turkey he was front page news. A Canadian, Buil became obsessed with the long-range German guns of the two world wars and was determined to build a supergun based on Nazi military technology. Taylor follows the story all the way to Saddam Hussein. The film has been updated to coincide with the enquiry into the affair by the House of Commons trade and industry

committee (r) (300831)
9.00 Film: Prime Suspect (1982) starring Mike Ferrell (BJ in M*A*S*/f)
and Teri Garr. A mede-for-television drams about a respectable, easy-going businessman, whose life become a living nightman, whose life become a living nightman after circumstantial evidence leads to him becoming the chief suspect in a child murder case. Directed by Noel Black (1831)

10.30 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Democrats

tht presented by Peter Snow (213473)

11.15 The Late Show. A look at cultural values with guests Hanif Kureishi, A.S. Byatt, Alan Yentob and Metvyn Bragg (s) (479102) 12.05cm Weather (7167435) 12.10 Open University: Seize the Fire (711888). Ends at 11.45

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6.00 TV-am (9514657) 9.25 Keynotes, Music quiz game hosted by Alistair Divali (1338299)
9.55 Themes News (4377096)
10.00 The Time... The Place.... Topical discussion series (9013855)

10.40 This Morning. Magazine series on family matters presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Includes Colin Dexter, creator of the Inspector Morse character, talks about how he feels about his work being adapted for television, Denise Robertson counselling on emotional matters and advice from the stimming club. Fat Busters. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather (3080183) 12.10 Allsorts. Young people's entertainment (s) (2796725)

12.30 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (6841183) 1.10 Tharnes News (53791386)
1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial (Oracle)

(97607015) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s) (52018809)

2.20 Graham Kerr. The former Galloping Gournat prepares a butter-free sole and selfron sauce (35112247) 2.59 Take the High Road.

Drama serial set in the Highlands (4098831) 3.15 ITN News headlines (8954102) 3.20 Thames News headlines (8951015) 3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama (6367454) 3.55 The Dreamstone. Cartoon fantasy series (6259928) 4.20 Fix

Keepers, Destructive game show (8809015) 4.50 Owl TV, Wildlife

and environmental series. Includes a visit to Beffast Zoo and a dive on Kenya's coral reef (4460725)

5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (5502015)
5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather (663909)
5.55 Thames Help. The demands and rewards of being a school governor (r) (988096) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (367)

6.30 Themes News. (Oracle) (947)
7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel lies in wait to give another unsuspecting worthy an emotional mugging (9251)



Secret Valentine: Nicholas Cochrane with Judy Brooke (7.30pm) 7.30 Coronation Street. Andy McDonald manages to deposit a Valentine's card into new pupil Paula's beg. Starring Nichotas

Cochrane and Judy Brooke, (Oracle) (831)

8.00 Van der Valk. The second of three feature length stories based on the character created by Nicholas Freeling, starring Barry Foster as the unorthodox Dutch detective, in this case investigating the kidnapping of a businessman and his young son (4201).

10.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Democrats

(550675) 10.10 News with Trevor McDonald and Alistair Stewart. (Oracle)

Weather (826218) 10.40 Thermes News (872725)
10.50 Film: The Best of Benny Hill (1974). A compilation of comedy sketches from episodes of *The Benny Hill Show*. Directed by John Robins (49707367) 12.25am Film: A Time to Triumph (1986) starring Patty Duke and Joseph Bologna. A made-for-television, true story of a wife who,

after her husband has a heart attack, becomes the family breadwinner. Her choice of career is as a US Army helicopter pilot. Directed by Noel Black (646435)
2.15 America's Top Ten presented by Tommy Puett and Casey

. Kasem (s) (24771) 2.45 Videofastion. The ion. The role of nostalgia in the world of fashion (8106706)
Quitz Night. Pub and club competition hosted by Ted Robbins (16504936)

Stephen King's This is Horror. A selection of clips from films

 4.10 Along the Cotswold Way. Cive Gunnet travels from North Nibley to Dursley (r) (49780690)
 4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Archive newsreel (16146329)
 5.00 Witness to Survival. Two more stories of survival against the odds (94416)

RADIO 3

5.30 ITN Morning News with Tirtt Neilson (50955). Ends at 8.00

CHANNEL 4

5.00 The Channel Four Daily (9512299) 9.25 Schools (94719541) (65744)

12.30 Basiness Deily. With Susamah Simons (16639)

1.00 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guest is New York's mayor David Dinkins (90164)

2.00 Film: Dragomewek (1046)

2.00 Film: Dragomwyck (1946, b/w) starring Vincent Price, Gene Tierney and Walter Huston. Gothic melodrama about a 19thcentury landowner who marries a young bride before she learns of his sinister past, Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz (255812) 3.55 Gustav Stays in Bed. Animation from Hungary (8886164)

4.00 The Survival Factor: Deep South Seal. A documentary narrated by Toyah Willcox about the Weddell seal, an Antarctic species that can dive deeper than any other seal (r). (Teletext) (560)

4.30 Countdown presented by Richard Whiteley (s) (744)
5.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show. Bette Midler tasks about her maniage, her cooking, her crusade for Aids victims and her latest film, For the Boys (7816464) 5.56 Laurel and Hardy. Animation (986636) 6.00 Kate & Allie. American comedy series starring Jane Curtin and

Susan Saint James (909) 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. Tonight model and actress Imam is

the guest (s) (589) 7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (204819)

7.50 Party Political Comment from a Conservative party politiciar (230541) de. Soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s) (6541)

8.30 Travelog. Robert Elms explores Denmark (s) (5676)

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9.00 Dispatches.

■ CHOICE: The nub of a provocative edition of Dispatches is that AZT, the main drug prescribed for the treatment of Aids, is not working. No one says that AZT is a cure for Aids or will prevent people dying from it. But scientific experts, mostly in the United States, dispute the claim of Wellcome, manufacturers of AZT, that the drug "improves both quality and length of life". This is apparently refuted by a four-yeer trial in North Carolina. Critics assert that the tests on which AZT gained acceptance were seriously flawed. Aids sufferers speak of feeling better without the drug than with it. Among the sceptics is Dr Peter Duesberg of the University of California, who has appeared previously on Dispatches to suggest that HIV is not the cause of Aids. Wellcome declined to appear in the programme, fearing that it would not be declined to appear in the programme, fearing that it would not be balanced. Ironically, it would be much more balanced if they had



Hidden loot: Freddie Boardley and Iain McColl (9.45pm)

9.45 She-Play: Full Board. A bed and board comedy farce written by 19-year-old Jane Duncan and starring Susan Wooldridge, Fraddie Boardley and Jain McColl (s) (641454)
 10.00 The Golden Girls. Delicious comedy about four romantic Miami

matrons. (Telefext) (s) (86473) 10.30 The Secret Caberst With Simon Drake. The guests are Ricky Jay, Max Maven and Joanne and Juliette (s) (62893)

11.00 The Reconstructed Heart.

CHOICE: The actor and cabaret artist Robert Llewellyn presents

a witty discourse on the male response to feminism over the past 20 years. He compares normal man, the unreconstructed male chauvistic pig, with reconstructed man, who behaves in much the same way but occasionally feels guilty about it. Llewellyn's chosen vehicle for his thesis is a spoof academic lecture, complete with vehicle for his thesis is a spoof academic lecture, complete with graphs, charts, filmed interviews and sociological mumbo-jumbo. The sense of parody is very sharp, it will be difficult after sitting through this one to take a real lecture seriously. But content is not entirely swamped by form and Llewellyn's observations on changing male attitudes are often shrewd. The studio audience clearly enjoyed themselves and so should readers of the more intelligent nawspapers who do not mind a bit of rudery (s) (353725).

11.45 The 281 Club. More showbiz hopefuls brave a critical audience at 1 option's Hackney Empire (r) (6784676).

London's Hackney Empire (f) (684676)

12.45am Tonight with Jonathan Roas (f) (s) (5429955)

1.10 Dick Spanner. Cartoon private eye created by Gerry Anderson of Thunderbirds fame (1262459). Ends at 1.20

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K1 E. I Starts: 11.45 Olacoil Educational Experi-encias (85253015) 12.10 Olreachtes Report (71918070) 12.30 Check Up (1858928) 1.00 News (8604218) 11.30 Aertel Financial Pages (47616748) 1.40 Camera — Moving Pictures (98152763) 2.05 The Ceder Tree (8949164) 3.00-4.00 Live At Three (2538909)

2.47 An Englishmen in the Midi: Work. John P. Herris talks about living in a village in the south of France (3 of 6) (r) 3.00 News; File on 4 (r) 3.42 Parks: Carol Vordeman

4.00 News.
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Nigel Andrews reviews the new firm releases including Star Trek VI and Barton Fink; Judy Mawaszen

Batton Fink; Judy Meweszen
reports on a new touring
production by 7:84 Theatre in
Scotland; and author Paul
Bailey talks about his tavourite
freeco (a)
4.45 Short Story: This Sentence
Does Not Consist of Eight
Words, by Michael Carson
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Counterpoint: New Shemin
chairs the musical quiz (s) (r)
7.80 News 7.05 The Architers
7.20 Face the Facts (FM only)
7.45-8.00 Voices in the Cold
Wind (FM only): The Other
World, The least of six
programmes about the myths

programmes about the myths and legends of the peoples of

the Arctic Circle (s)
Womain's Hour (LW only) (f)
Retth Lecture Discussion:
Geoff Watts chairs a

discussion and phone in with Dr Steve Jones, the 1991

Feith lecturer, as a follow-up to his talks on the new biological ineight into humanity. Ring 071-580 4411 from 7pm

Protesters for Paradise:

reports on today's technology

RADIO 4

6.55am Westher; News Headines 7.00 Morning Concert; Hendel (Concerto Grosso in A minor, Op 6 No 4); M. Haydn (Horn Concerto in D) 7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont); Prokofiev (Two Pushkin Waitzes, Op 120); Schubert (Ständichen, Zögarnd Islae, D Visitadchen, Zogand leise, D 920); Lachner (Nonett); Faurè (Soitie, Pelléss et Mérsande, Op 80; Ville-Lobs (Bactiena brasileira No 5); Sarasate, arr Francescetti (Hebeñera)

8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Jantoek, The Fiddler's Child
(Brio State PO under Jiek,
with Jen Stanovsky, violin);
Pohedka (Bernard Gregor-Smith, callo, Yolande Wingley,
violin); Plano Sonata

piano); Plano Sonata, 1. X 1905 (Josef Palenicak); Surte, Osud (Cząch PO under Frantisek (Riek) 9.35 Mildweek Choice; Nielsen (Helios Overture, Op 17: Swedish RSO under Ess-Peldas Salonen); Mozart (Misencordies Domini, K 222: Rass Chamber Choir, Berlin PSO Description (Control of Control Dussek (Concerto in B flat for two pianos and orchestra:

Toni and Rosi Grunschlags; Vienne Volksoper Orchestra under Angerer); Gluck (Che faro senza Euridios, Orfeo ed Euridice, Act III: Netherlands
Opera Orchestra and Chorus
under Cherles Bruck, with
Kathleen Ferner, alto):
Schumann, transcr Liszt (Liebested, Widmung: Cyprien Katsans, pieno); Korngok (Violin Concerto: Jascha Heifetz; LA Philharmonic under Alfred Walenstein); Bartok (Seven Pieces from Mikrokosmos, Karli Hermann (Filine at the Fair: RPO under Beecham): Rossini (La Cenerentole Act 2 Finsler

Radiotelevisione Italiane under Zedda, with Lucia Valeritini Terrani, mezzo) 12.00 BBC Welsh SO under Howard Williams performs
Tchalkovsky (Symphonic ballad, The Voyevoda, Op 78);
Prokofiev (Pisno Concerto No 3 n C, Op 26: Kathryn Stott);
Tchalkovsky (Overture, The Storm, Op 76) (r) 1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live from
Broadcasting House, London,
the musicians of the Royal
Exchange perform Rossint,
(String Sonata No 3 in C);
Goetz (Pano Quintet in C
mitor)

2.00 Record Review (r)
3.10 Variage Years: Berlin State
Opera Orchestra under Leo
Blach performs Brahms (Volin
Concerto in D: Fritz Kreisler)
4.00 Choral Evensong, inte from
Southeal Minteler in

a.00 Choral Evenuong, ive from Southwell Minster in Notinghemshire 5.00 The Spairow Hewk and the Pigeon: Songs and dences from Mexico. Introduced by Lucy Duran 5.30 Metally for Planty 1989 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News
7.06 Third Ear: Philip Dodd chairs
a discussion on the arts
7.30 BBC PO in Liverpool: Live
from the Philipsmonic Hall,
Gifther Market procedurers

Güther Herbig conducts
Wagner (Overture, Die
Meistersinger): Beethoven
(Vlolin Concerto in D. Op 61:
Frank Peter Zimmermann).
8.35 Frank Whitford talks about mid-19th century Viennese cultural Re. 8.55

Viennese cultural life. 8.56
Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C
minor, Op 68)
9.46 What's the Big idea? Sign!
Cities: Can the City Be
Brought Back to Life? Bryan
Mage chairs a discussion on
the figure of Cities With reaction of the future of cities. With Professor Peter Hall, Thomas Caulcott and Bill Love 10.30 Aldeburgh Feetival 1991; Composers' Choice, Simon Holt presents the first of five programmes recorded at last year's festival. Music Projects/London under Richard Berniss, with Sereh

Bell, pieno, performs Simon Holt (Maiastra); Monton Feldman (Voice and Feldman (Voice and Instruments 2), Holt (Shadow Realm); Nidobio Cestiglioni (Das Ohr hürt Nachts; Sonstendange); Simon Holt (Liith) 11.30; News: 12.35ans Composers of the West: Schubert (Overture, Die Zauberharfe; Ouarlettsatz D 703; Surhehisra Ma. 4 in C.

Die Zaubernang, Charrensach D 708, Symphony No 4 in C minor, D 417) (r) 1.00-2.25 Napits School (FM only) (except in Scotland) (as Radio 5 at Sam)

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9.00 News 9.05 Mildweek
10.00-10.30am Wilko's Weekly
(FM only): Westmortend. In the
first programme, Tony
Wilkinson visits The
Westmortend Gazette in 10.00 News; Daily Service (LW

10.00 News; Daily Service (CW only): The Book of Job (6 of 7) (a)
10.30 Woman's Hour takes to the actress Maurean O'Brien; celebrates 70 years of Good Housekeeping and meets expetriates living in Britain, incl 11.00 News
11.30 Gardeners' Guestion Time: A positing edition (f)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Out of Order: Chairman Patrick Hannan is joined by

Patrick Hannan is joined by MPs Julian Critichley and Austin Mitchell and guests for the political quiz (s) 12.55

Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.35 A Party Political Broadcast
by the Liberal Democrats
1.40 The Archers (*) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; The Memoirs of
Shericak Hotmes: The Religate Squires

CHOICE: One's resentment at the Eberties Robert Forrest has taken with Conen Doyle's

conversational passages in adapting The Reigate Squires scaping : The Reignte Squites is mitigated by our admiration of his familiarity with the Holmes occurre, Holmes's playful statement that Or Wathors remaining Watson's chronicing of his cases sometimes produced the same effect "as if one worked a love story into the fifth proposition of Euclid" was made in The Sign of Four, but Forriest has Immediated to arrowd move, given Forrest's desperang of Watson's magnings about the sleuth's mental state (s)

Monkeys, Mystery and Mocemism. Continuing his history of the Church from the end of the Middle Ages to the present day, Brian Radhead examines Christianing (A) Stamines Christianity during the Victorian era (s)

9.30 Kateldoscope (s) (f)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Bactisms: The Bindfold Florse, written and read by Shusha Guppy (3 of 10) (s)

11.00 Murder Most Fout: Muscler on the Farm (5 of 6) (s) (f)

11.30 Today th Partiament

12.00-12.43em Herrs, Incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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